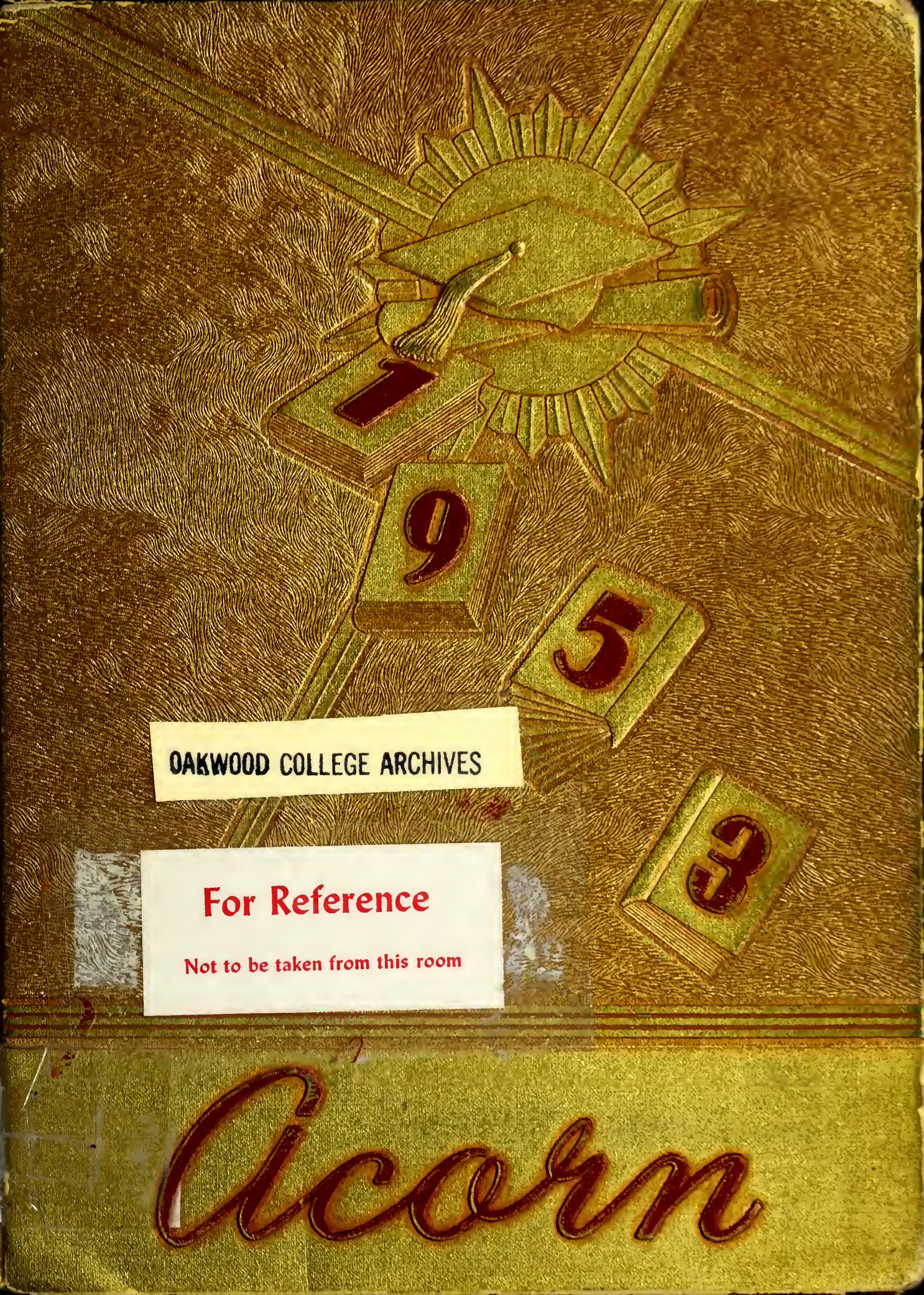

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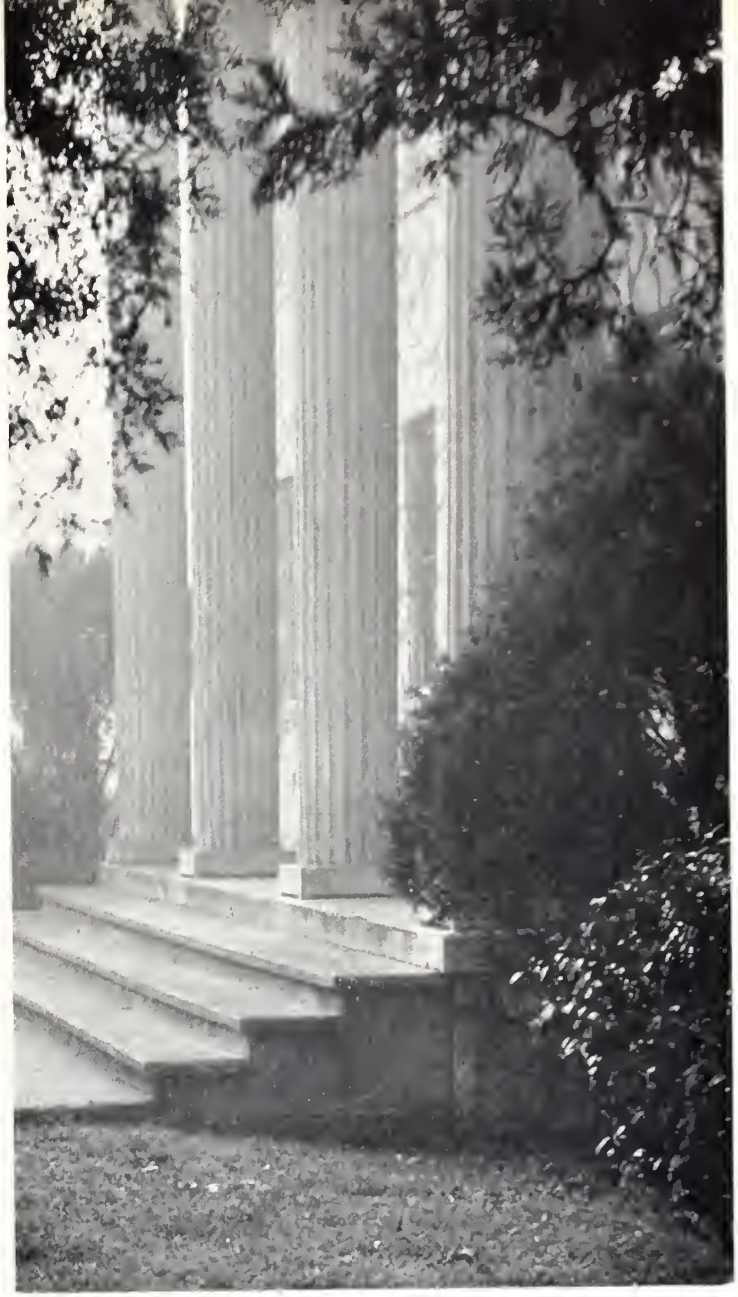

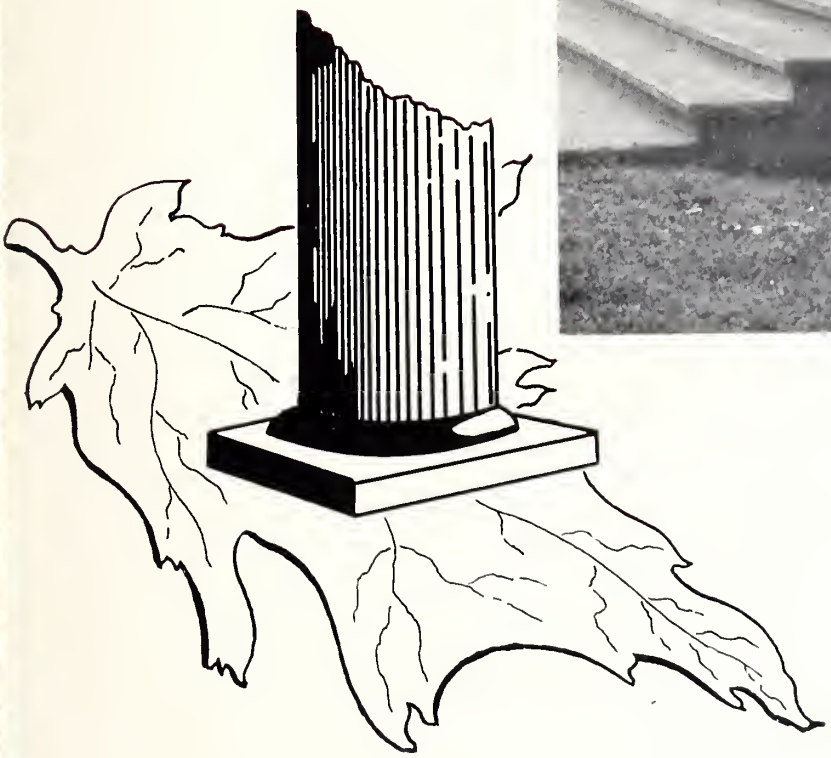

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With It's Buildings . . .

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President's Home

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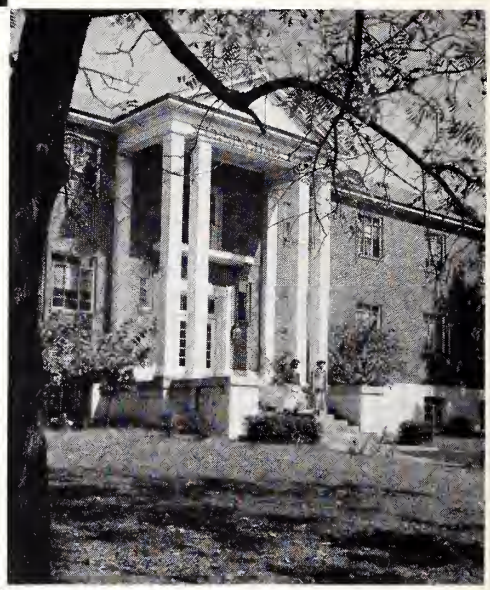

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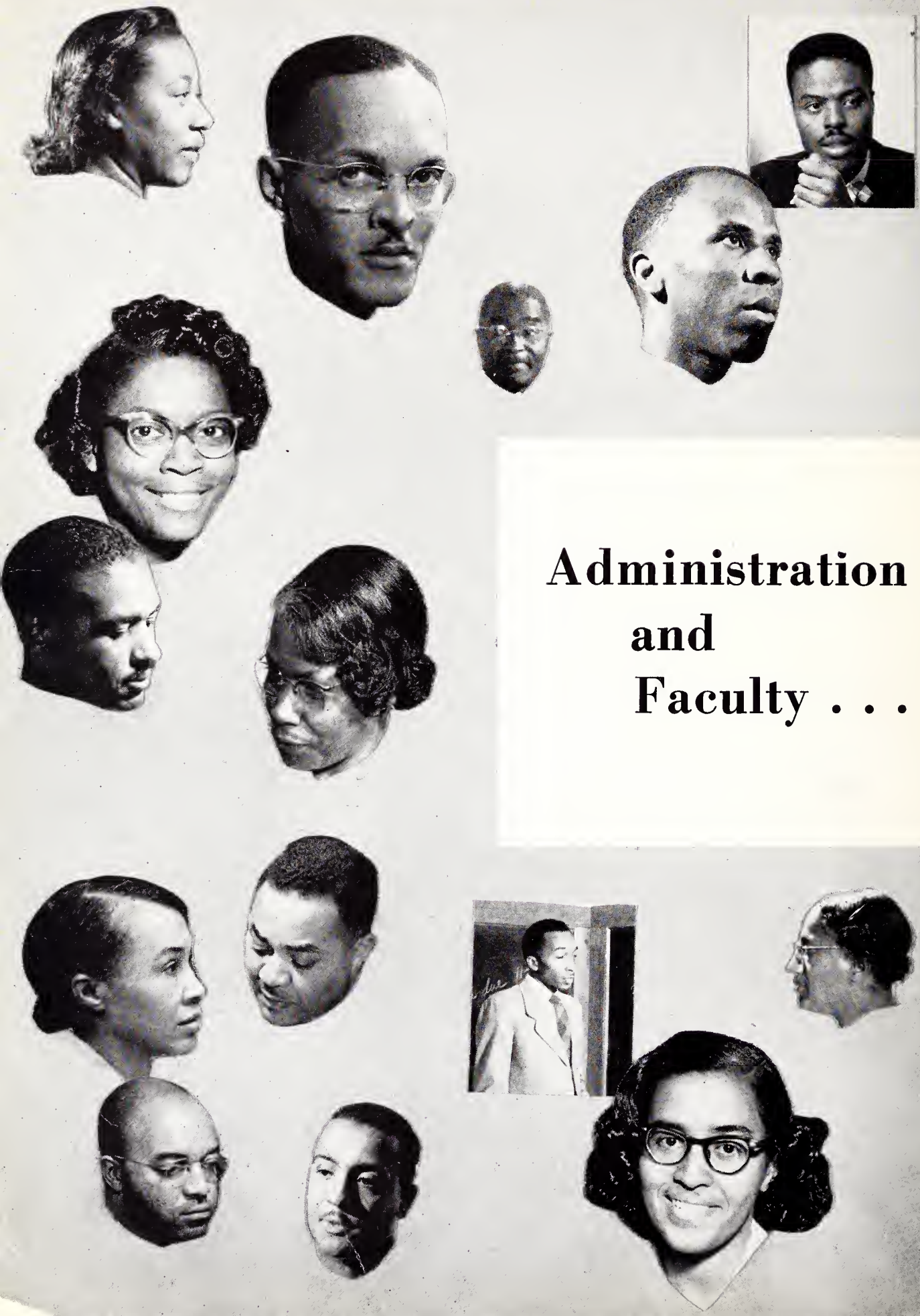
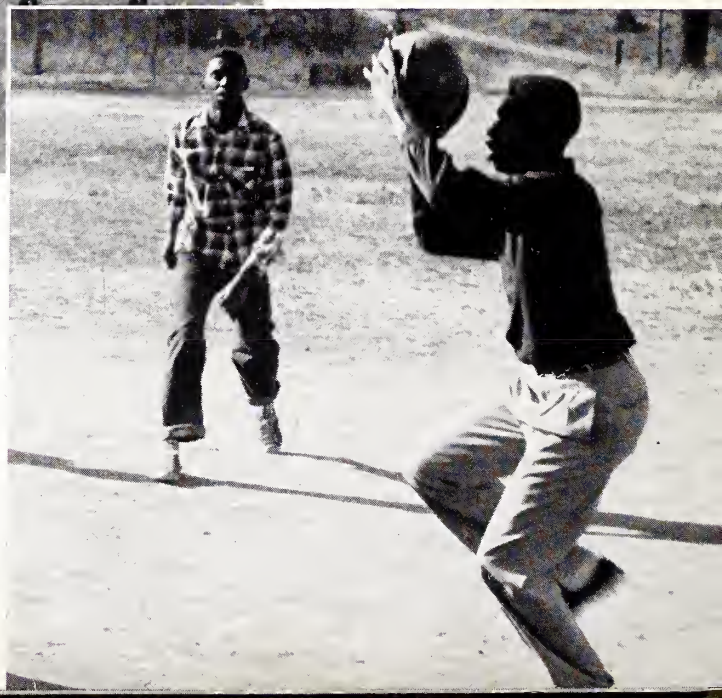
It's Scenic Campus . . .



Administration and Faculty . . .

It's Friendly Students . . .

With Their Work, Study, Devotion and Play



THE 1953 ACORN

TED JONES, Editor

MALCOLM DEAN, Business Manager

Dedication

Annually the ACORN, with a sense of appropriate pride, dedicates its numerable pages to persons of outstanding merit who have contributed to the ever-growing success of Oakwood. This year, to honor one who through her friendly manners, high standards, charm of personality, understanding, and sincere devotion has won an irreplaceable spot in the hearts of all; we do respectfully dedicate this book.

Miss N. E. Burrell, head of the Department of Elementary Education, has for 15 years rendered untiring services to the cause of learning here at Oakwood College. The lives of her students are enriched and inspired by the profoundness of her instruction and the warmth of her friendship and love. They are led into deep recesses of knowledge and are led into a closer relationship with their Maker.

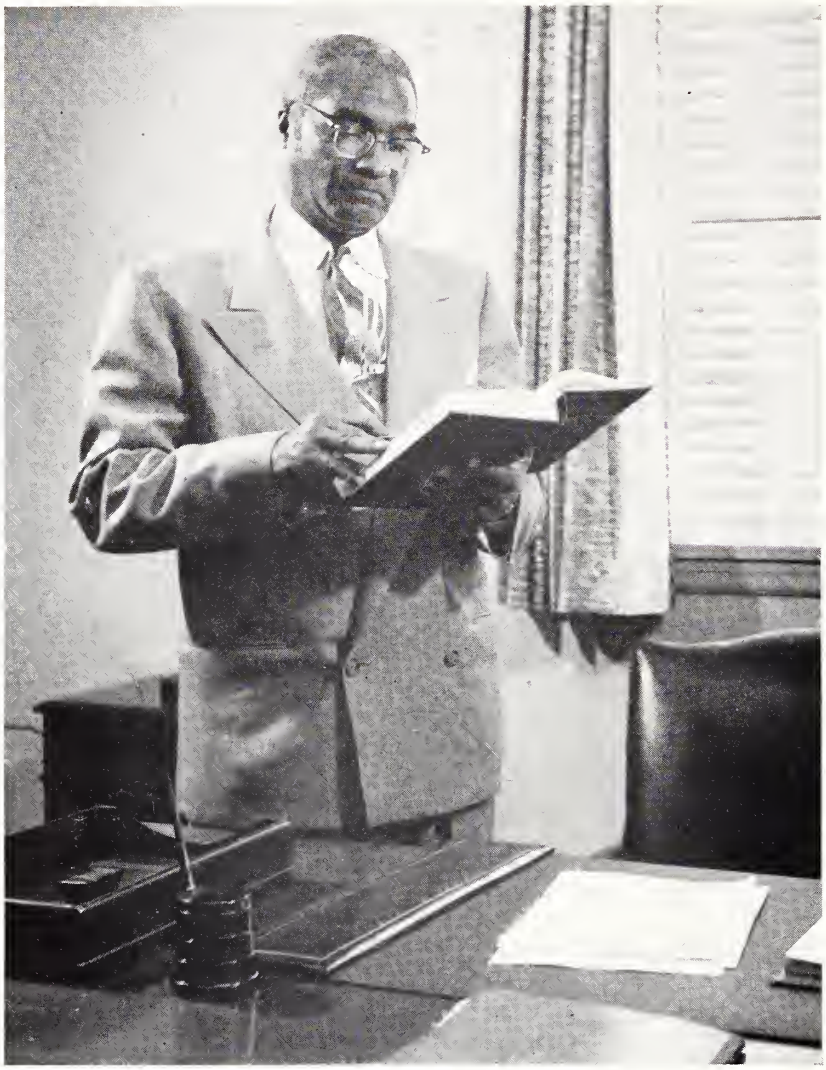
With keen admiration of one who has well merited genuine love and respect, we esteem it an honor to dedicate to Miss N. E. Burrell this ACORN of 1953.

MISS NATELKKA E. BURRELL
Professor of Education

The "grand unique" of Oakwood is its administrative staff; it is the embodiment of the principles of success. Using as a slogan, "Plan your work and work out your plan," this body successfully pursues the outlining of a master plan for the three-fold development of the student body.

As the master pilot directs the sea-worn ship safely into harbor, as time reveals the end and gives birth to the beginning of all things, so Oakwood's administrative staff anticipates and attends her most urgent exigency.

Administration and Faculty



PRESIDENT
F. L. PETERSON

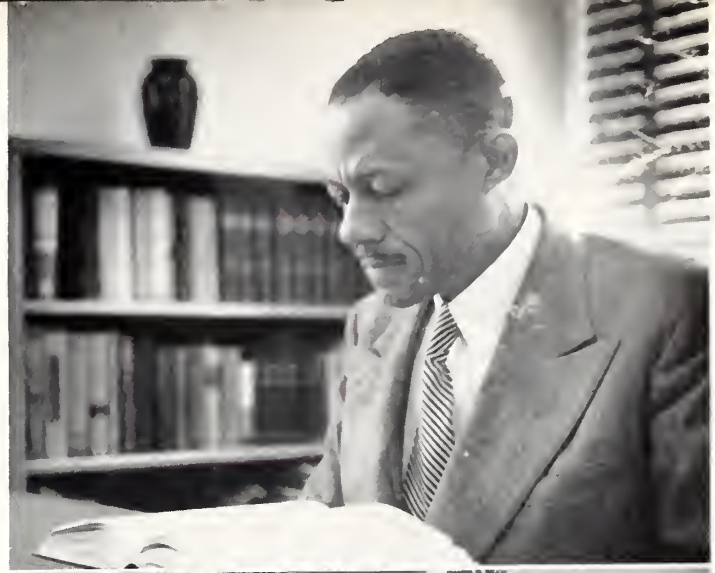
President's Message

In these uncertain times, there is one thing certain; there will be a future, and Oakwood College is prepared to help young men and women prepare for the future and to serve their God and their country to the best of their ability.

If ever there was a time when youth needed to be fortified and safeguarded by a God-centered education, that time is now. Ninety-four per cent of our young delinquents are said to be between the ages of ten and seventeen, and the prediction is that less than ten years hence there may be as many as two million child delinquents.

Reverence for God and loyalty to truth are the principles upon which Christian education is based. It is the priceless privilege of Oakwood College students to think, to act, and to live in harmony with the highest and best.

The College was founded in an atmosphere that was distinctively Christian, to prepare youth for Christian service, and today it is being nurtured and developed in that same climate and for the same purpose. Some of you have reached the end of your sojourn at the college; you have fulfilled the requirements for graduation, and you are entering a big world filled with material blessings, but where there is a great need of the spiritual touch. May you ever have the passion to serve and enjoy the thrill of living a great life as you cooperate with Christ, your Master Guide, in the work of saving the lost.



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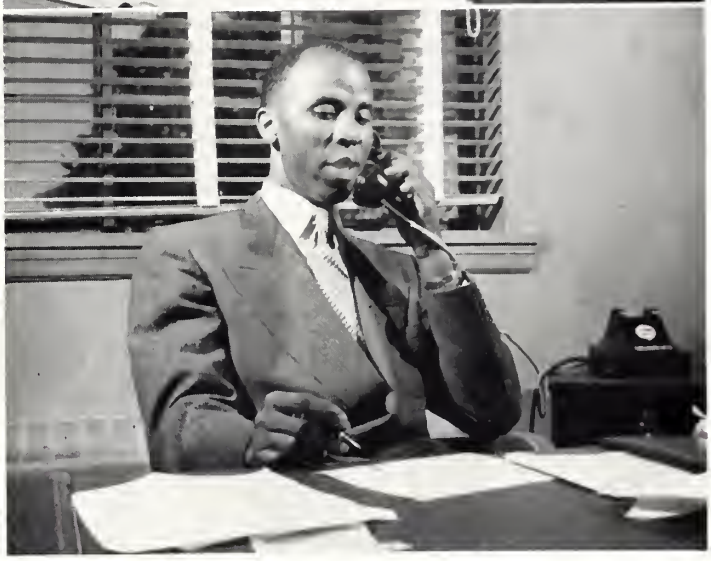
Dean of College



A. WARREN
Business Manager

J. MEREDITH
Accountant

ROBERTA C. EDWARDS
Registrar

RUTH N. STAFFORD
Director of Health Service

RUTH E. MOSBY
Dean of Women

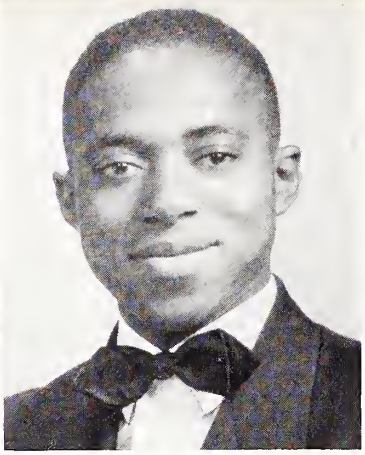
FRANK W. HALE
Director of Public Relations

J. C. TOWERY
Librarian

NATELKKA E. BURRELL
Director of Laboratory School

R. L. WOODFORK
Dean of Men

C. T. RICHARDS



E. E. ROGERS

Religion

"He who with sincere and teachable spirit studies God's word, seeking to comprehend its truths, will be brought in touch with its Author; and, except by his own choice, there is no limit to the possibilities of his development." Realizing this, the department of religion endeavors through consecrated teachers, to inspire and instill in the mind of the student the principles of truth which are high as the heaven and compass eternity, that they may go forth as teachers, evangelists, and Bible Instructors to quicken the minds, and uplift the souls of perishing mankind.

R. L. WOODFORK

J. J. BEALE

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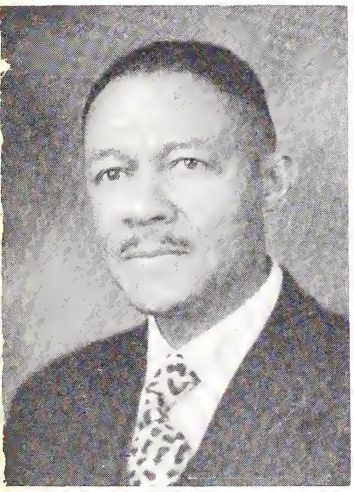


M. J. HARVEY

History

History can always be traced back to some similar event. In its noblest sense, it reveals the workings of Divine Providence, and the supremacy of the Moral Law.

To keep these salient facts ever before us, the head of the History Department, Dean O. B. Edwards, invites us to "take five."

Biology

All life, and living itself could well be acclaimed the greatest single phenomenon in our universe. The allied biological sciences concern themselves chiefly with the intimate study of both plants, animals, and all things that live. Consequently the various phases of biology comprise the greatest studies in our cosmos.

R. L. REYNOLDS
Head of Department of Biological Sciences

J. F. BOOKHARDT
Instructor

Business

Business is a businessman's business; in fact, he will "mind your business" for you. The Department of Business Administration is so geared as to produce businessmen and women who will change the exclamation "mind your own business," into "mind my business for me, please."

C. E. GALLEY
Head of Department of Business Administration

CELESTE FRAZIER
Secretarial Science

Science and Mathematics

Science keeps down the weed of superstition not by logic, but by rendering the mental soil unfit for its cultivation.—Tyndall

Mathematics is the bell-boy of all sciences. In it we:

Multiply our joys.
Add to our happiness.
Subtract all objectionable character traits.
Divide in half the good from the bad.

E. A. COOPER
Chemistry

C. B. GENTRY
Mathematics

EVA B. DYKES
Head of English Department

FRANK W. HALE
Professor of Speech

Literature and poetry are language phenomena—modes of expression. Whether to teach, preach, or simply thrill; to paint, inform, or spellbind, it contains the most beautiful expression of thought and emotion of mankind. The English Department undertakes to develop within the student an appreciation for the best in literature and perfect the techniques of the written and spoken language—the mother tongue, English.

English

RUTH E. MOSBY
Instructor

HENRIETTA L. EMMANUEL
Instructor

"The teacher is one who can make two ideas grow where only one grew before."

—*Elbert Hubbard*

Education

NATELKKA BURRELL
Head of Department of Education

VIOLET WILES
Critic Teacher

The department of education hangs out a shingle to invite such lovers of learning who would be molders of mind and character to enlist, and absorb the constructive patterns, objectives and techniques to be employed in "that nicest work"—the training of children and youth.

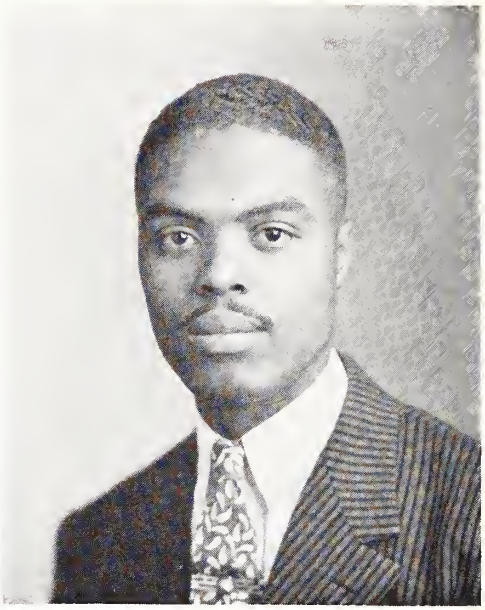
This department is affiliated with the National Future Teacher of America. As future teachers, these education students may "shine as stars for ever and ever," as character builders of youth for now and eternity, by grasping the opportunities made possible by the Department of Education.

KATRINA NESBITT
Critic Teacher

RUTH N. STAFFORD
Nursing Education

V. O. PLUMMER
Education

Secondary Education



GAINES R. PARTRIDGE
Head of Department of Secondary Education

Language

CARPEL DESVARIEUX
Instructor of French

FLORA OSSORIO
Instructor of Spanish

THOMASINE L. LONGWARE
Head of Department of Home Economics

Music

Music washes away from the soul the dust of every-day life.
—*Auerbach*

Music is one of the basic elements in the cultural development of the student. The music department provides opportunity for cultivation of musical abilities, and enrichment of knowledge, and skill through the study of music theory, interpretation and appreciation. Through this department the student learns the true beauty of music and its tangible values to the student himself, his society and in the worship of his creator.

SAMUEL C. JACKSON
Head of Music Department

INEZ BOOTH
Instructor of Organ

HUGH CREARY
Instructor of Voice

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Professional and Industrial Staff

WILMA MINISEE
Secretary to Business Manager

KATIE WALKER
Assistant to Accountant

CHESSIE HARRIS
Matron

MARILE EMERSON
Director of Laundry

To coordinate the business, industries, and working units of the school, faithful heads and hands are daily at work in their given spheres, assuring smooth operation and production for the over-all success of the institution.

The following staff members' pictures do not appear:

FESTUS VALENTINE
Manager of College Store

E. I. CUNNINGHAM and GENEVIVE RICHARDS
Post Mistresses

RALPH W. DAVIS
Manager of Broom Industry

JOSEPH C. EMERSON
Maintenance Manager

DENNIS L. CROSBY
Supervisor of Farm and Dairy

Professional and Industrial Staff

Each superintendent, department head, or manager labors to make his division a success. Whether the farm, the dairy, the store, the laundry, the cafeteria —all strive as an intricate unit to make a worthy contribution to the whole.

GEORGE HARRIS
Superintendent of Grounds

Classes and Study

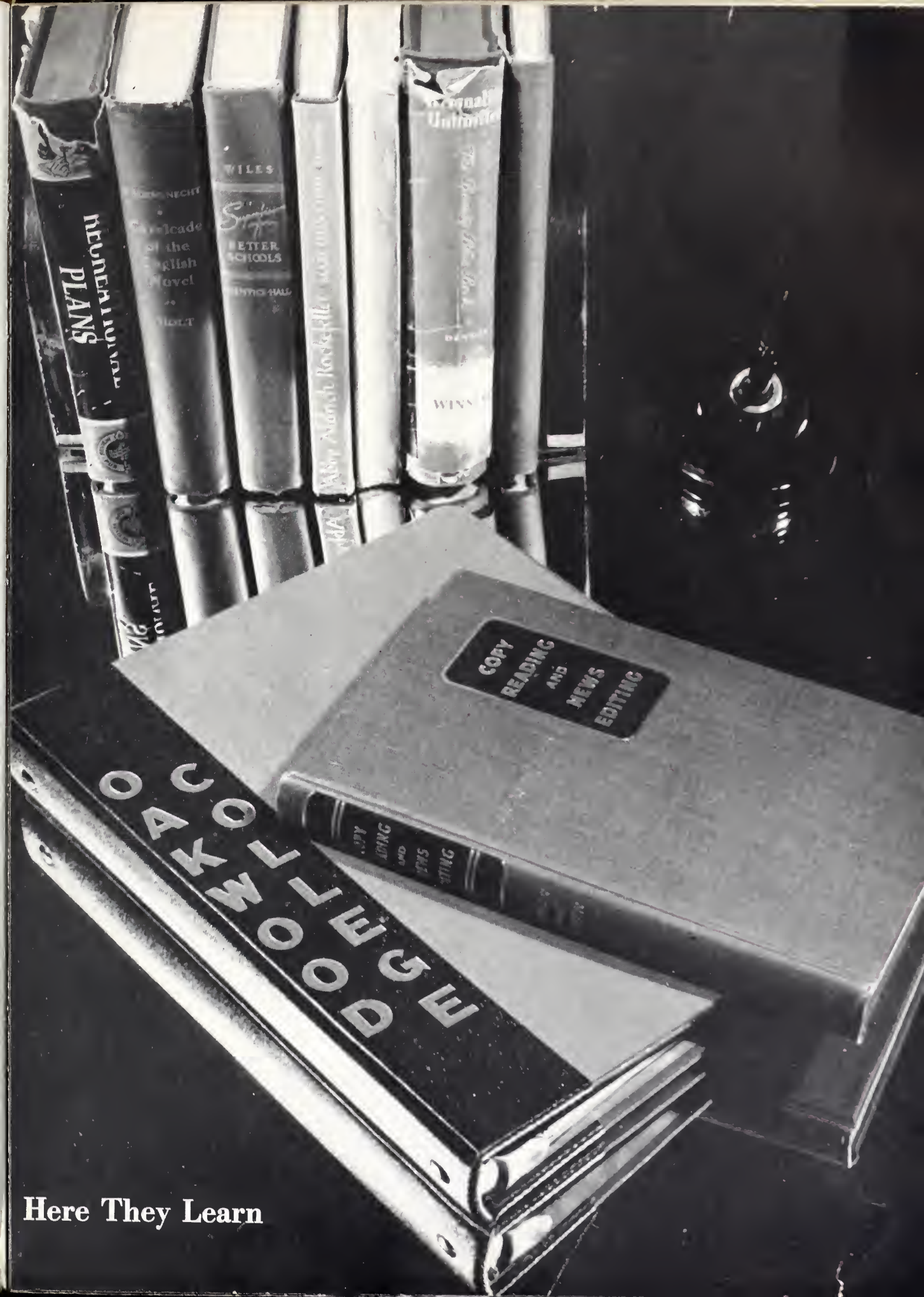
"What a sculpture is to a block of marble,
education is to the soul."

—*Addison*

Half polished and half learned, the student comes to seek knowledge, culture, and skill. He pauses at Oakwood's "Pierian Springs" to imbibe some of the positive forces—truth, obedience, honor, integrity and purity which come from true learning; to cure such maladies of the mind that might be remedied by diligent study. Bible for the spirit, science for truth, mathematics for precision, English and rhetoric for reason and communication, history for knowledge, and art and music for refinement of tastes.

"'Tis education forms the common mind;
Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined."

—*Pope*

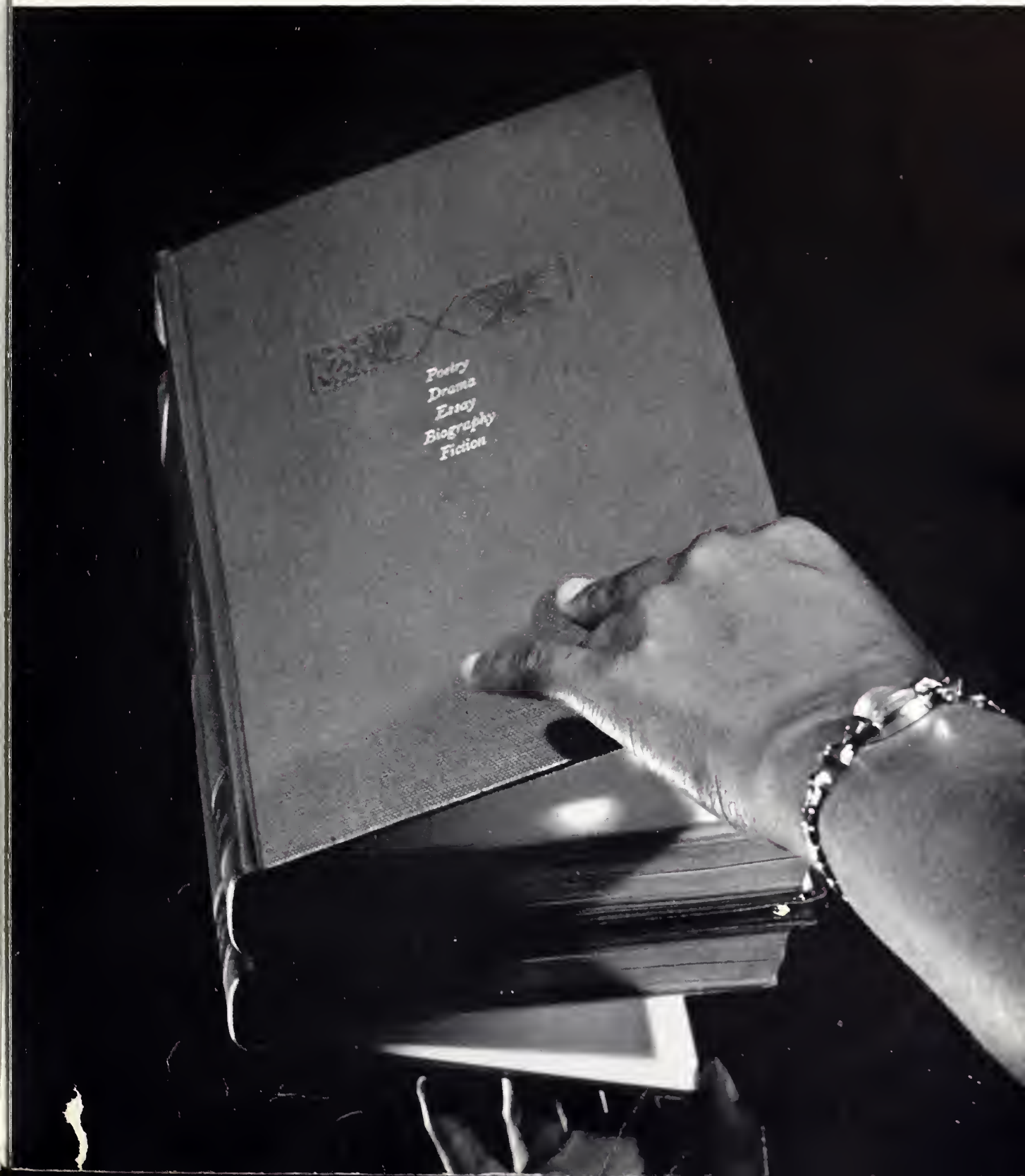


Here They Learn

They Seek Knowledge

With fresh minds they come to college, with fresh courage and determination to get fresh wisdom and knowledge, ready to open the book, to persevere on the road up to educational achievement and success in life.

Freshmen



The Freshman Class

The aspiring freshmen plan to ride over the sea of ambition and walk the shore of success.

OFFICERS

James McLean ..... *President*
William Scales ..... *Vice-President*
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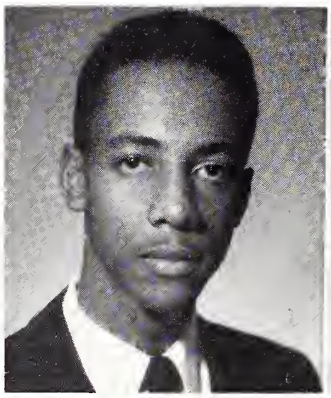

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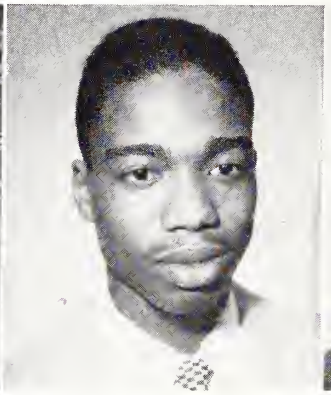

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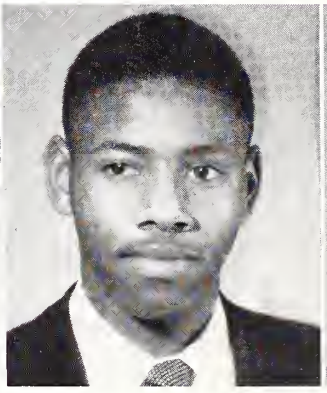

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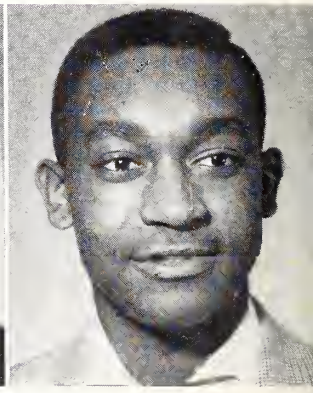

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GEORGE ANDERSON

CHARLES ASHE

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RONALD BETHEL

DELORES BOONE

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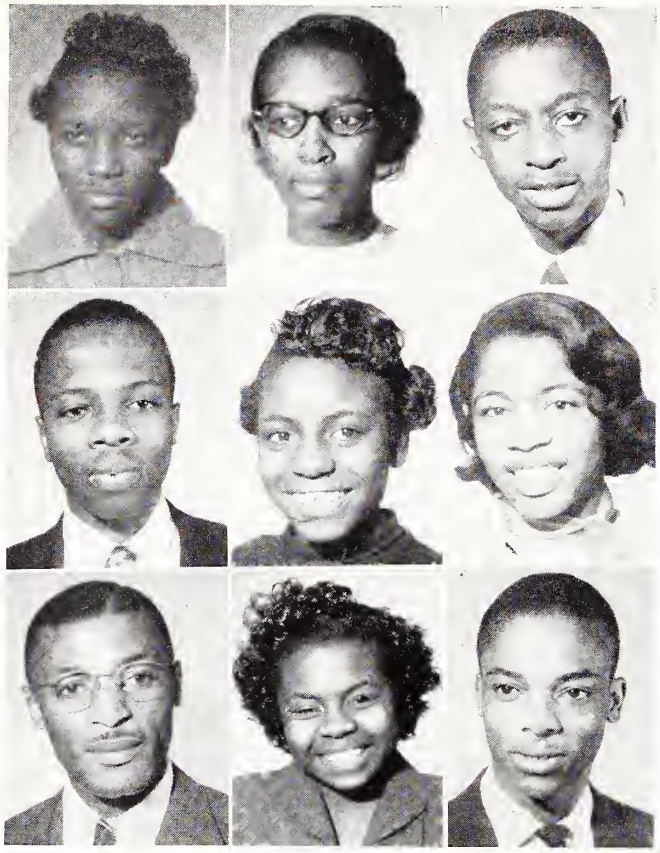

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DORRANCE HENDERSON

BILLY HILL

MARY HUFF

DORIS HUNTER

HOWARD HUNTER

REBECCA IRWIN

DONELLA IZZARD

WILMA JACKSON

CHARLES JENKINS

CLEOPHUS JOHNSON

Freshmen

Freshmen

JAMES JOHNSON

JOY JOHNSON

NORMON JONES

EUGENE MARTIN

LORETTA LINEAR

RICHARD MARINA

ROBERT LEWIS

DRUCILLA MICHAELS

GLORIA MILLER

RHINA MILLER

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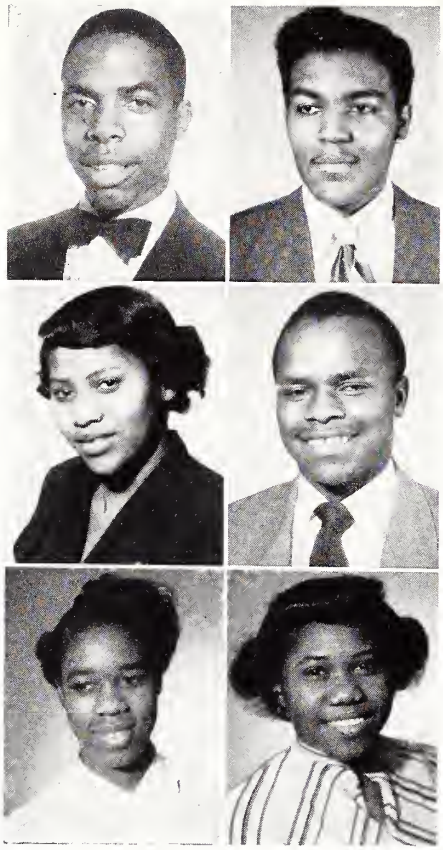

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LEMUEL SEELY

MONONA SELLARS

AMOS SMITH

Freshmen

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KENNETH SMITH

ROBERT SLOAN

DAVID TAYLOR

GAYNELL TYLER

EUNICE VANDERBERG

ROGER VON PUHL

JULIA WARREN

VELMA WATKINS

JUANITA WATSON

ANNIE WHITAKER

BEVERLY WYATT

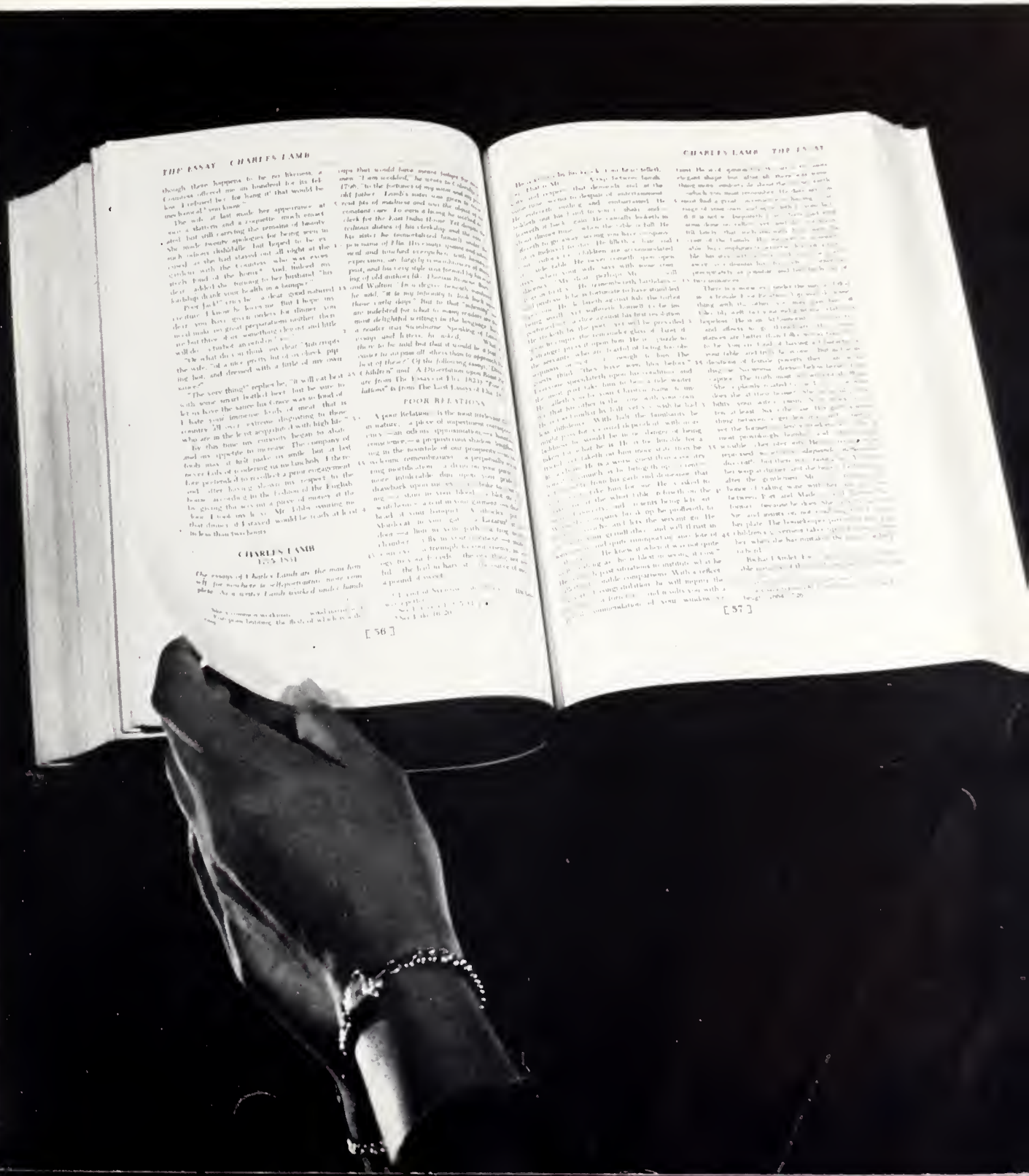
CHARLENE WILKS

LOIS YATES

Study Is Serious Business

The sophomore has been introduced to the expansive process of learning; the highest faculties of mind have been called into play, and he knows what it means to study. He has learned that every difficulty conquered is a stepping stone to greatest achievement.

Sophomores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The Sophomore Class

The progressing, ambitious sophomores see the day nearing when they will wear the cap and gown with pride, having done all to attain.

OFFICERS

Ernest D. Rudley ..... *President*

John Harris ..... *Vice-President*

Merle Cheatham ..... *Secretary*

Jimmy Brown ..... *Treasurer*

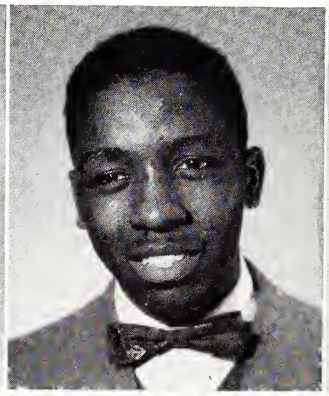
James Vines ..... *Chaplain*

Officer Not Pictured

Sylvia Carter ..... *Assistant Secretary*

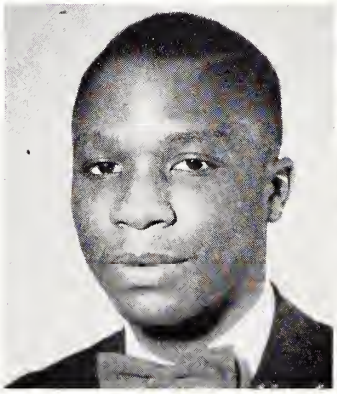
ERNEST D. RUDLEY

JOHN HARRIS



MERLE CHEATHAM

JIMMY BROWN



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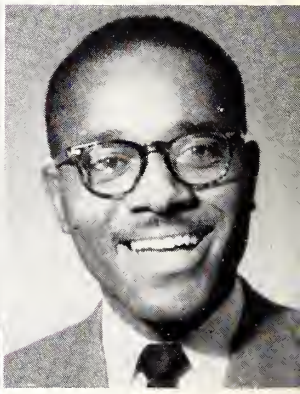

ANTOINETTE BAILEY

JIMMY BROWN

JIMMY BRYAN

MYRA BRYCE

ALTHEA BYRD

SYLVIA CARTER

GERALDINE CHEADLE

MERLE CHEATHAM

CORNELIUS CRAWFORD

ELOISE DAYE

PAULINE DEAN

HERBERT DOGGETTE

WILLIAM ERWIN

ANDERSON FIELDS

WILLIE FRIEND

DONALD GILLIS

JOHN HARRIS

JAMES JACKSON

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THEO JEFFERSON
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PRISCILLA KELLEY
MARTHARINE KAMARA

ALFRED LANG
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SHIRLEY MATORY

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RALPH MENSAH

MAURICE MITCHELL
EARL W. MOORE
MILDRED MOSELEY

EDDIE McBRAYER
PETER McGALLARIA
MRS. CHARLESTE McNORTON

Sophomores

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JOYCE McCOLLAY
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ERYCINA RAHMING

BENJAMIN REEVES
JESSE REAVES
JOSEPH RHYNE

JOHN ROBINSON
ERNEST RUDLEY
MARY STEPHENS

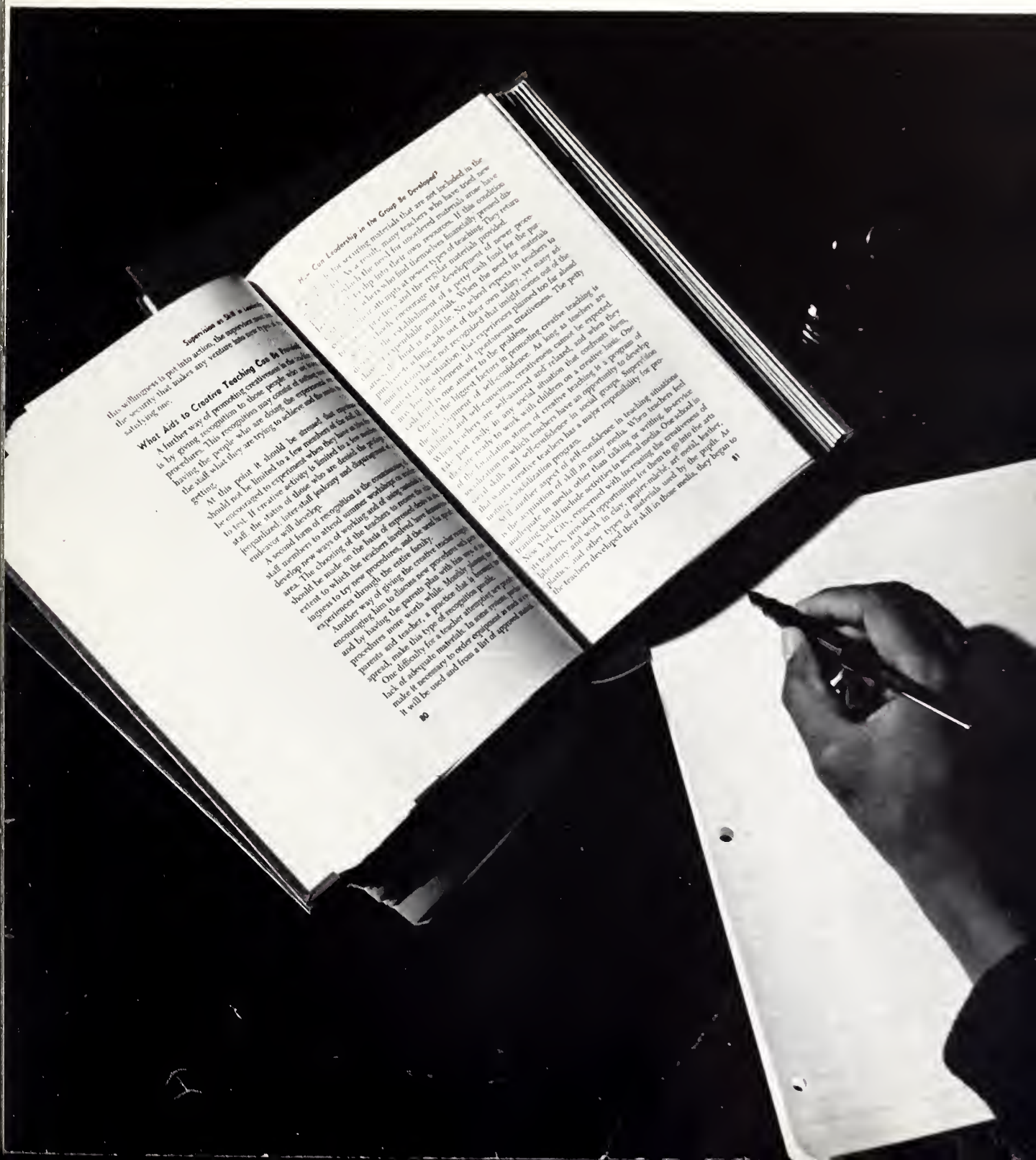
BEATRICE STREET
DOROTHY STROMAN
LORRAINE THOMAS

HERMON VANDERBURG
PATSY WASHINGTON
ELLIS YOUNG

An Open Mind, An Open Book

The Junior has learned the power and necessity of application. He has made progressive strides in his educational achievement and is nearing the finishing mark. He is exhibiting a mental, spiritual, cultural and social polish which comes from study in the school of true education.

Juniors



The Junior Class

Aim: To the stars of success without difficulty.

Motto: Working always in the path of duty.

Colors: Orchid and Gold.

OFFICERS

Ira L. Harrell ..... *President*

John Lea ..... *Vice-President*

Delores Eason ..... *Assistant-Secretary*

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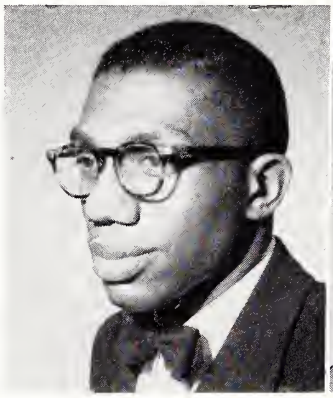
IRA L. HARRELL



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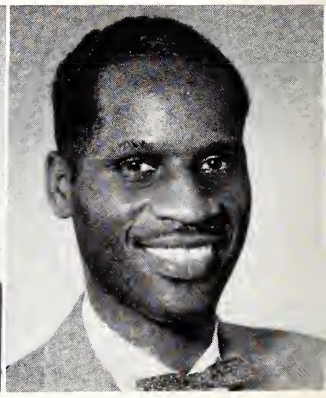

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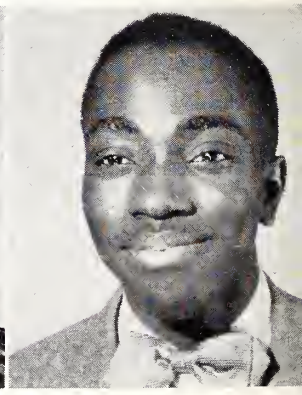

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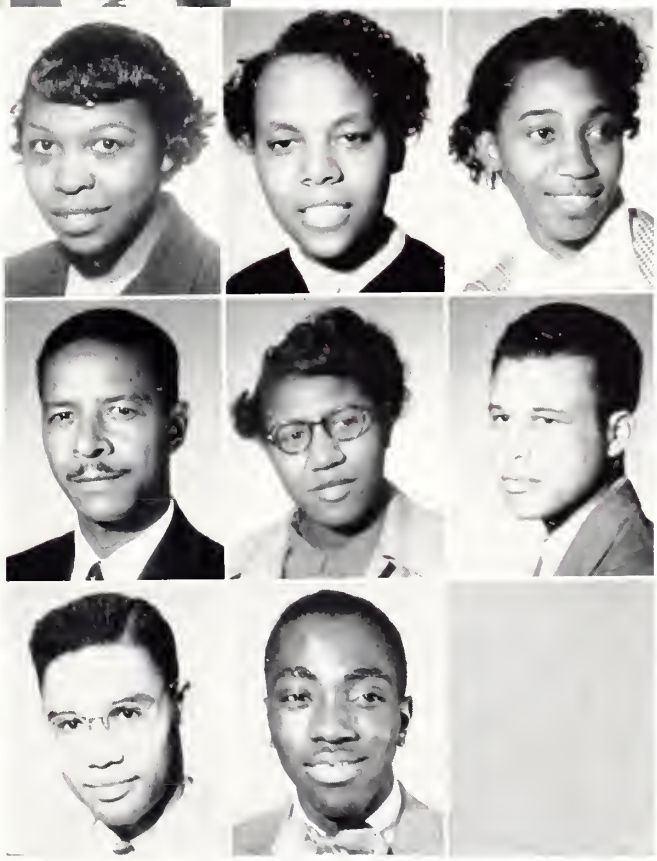

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JAMES STEWARD
LEILA THOMAS
JOE VERDUN

DAVID VAN PUTTEN
JAMES WASHINGTON

Achieving the Goal

A thorough knowledge of the essentials of education has been the goal of these achieving seniors. They have run the gamut of history, science, religion, English, languages and arts and are now ready to breast the finishing line. They close the book and claim the laurels.—Their race is won.

Seniors

The Senior Class

Aim: To exemplify Christ in all things.

Motto: To know Him and to make Him known; this is our business here.

Colors: Gold and White.

OFFICERS

S. A. Hutchins ..... *President*
Willie E. Conway ..... *Vice-President*
Vivianne Watson ..... *Secretary*
Douglas Tate ..... *Chaplain*

Officers Not Pictured

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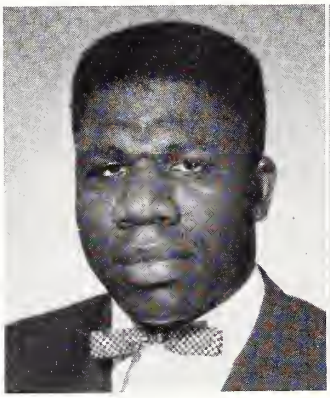

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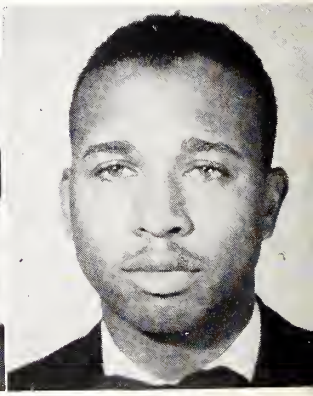

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MARIAN BLEVINS
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GABE CHISSELL
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LYLE FOLLETTE
Major: Biology
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ESTHER GILL
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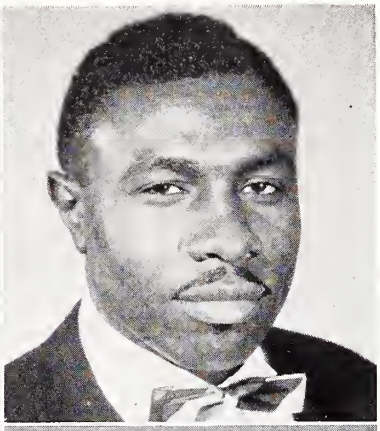

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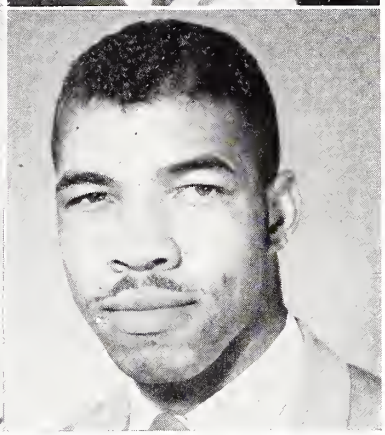

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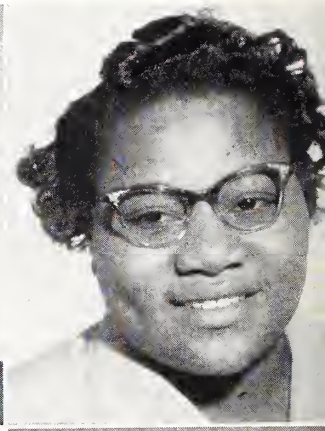

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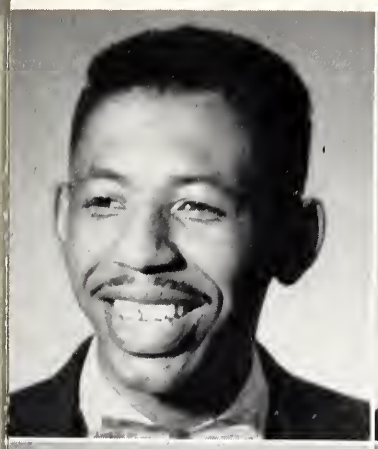

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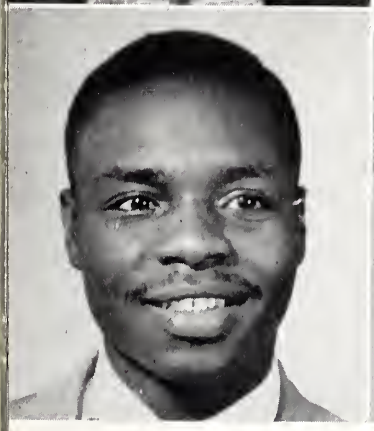

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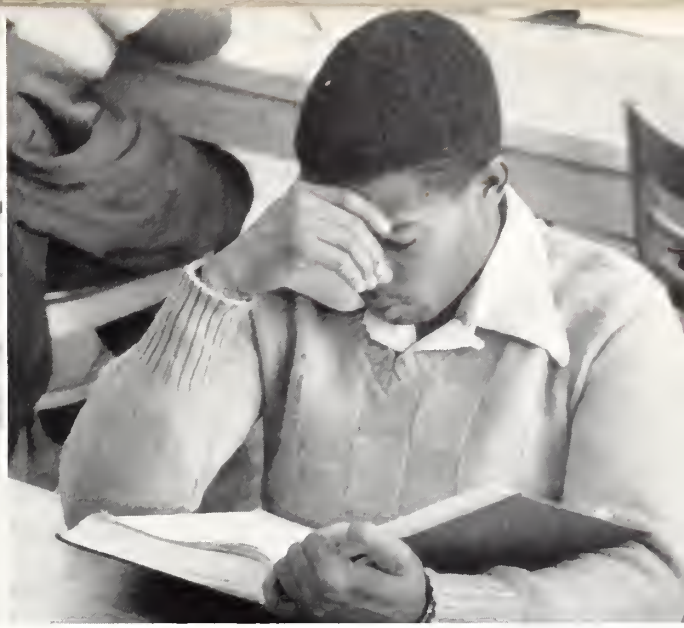
Library

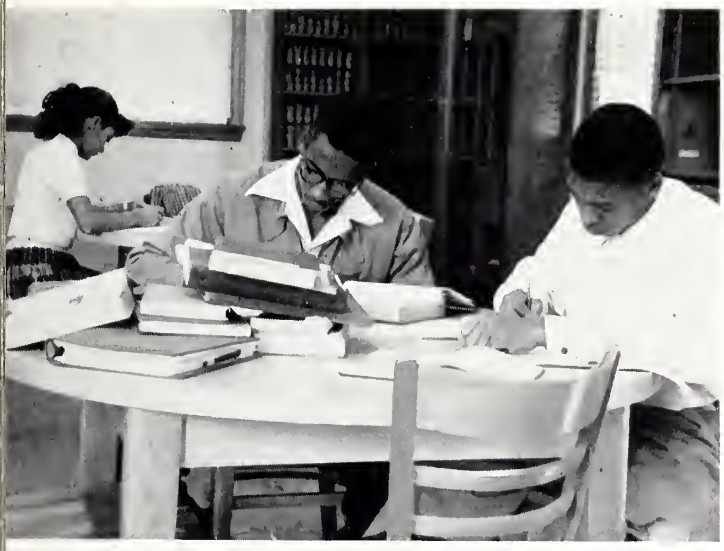
The new W. H. Green Memorial Library officially opened on January 6, and the students eagerly explored its rooms and stacks in quest of the spoils of knowledge.

The new library might very well be styled the cultural center of the campus. There, surrounded by a sea of blond-oak chairs and 50 tables and choice mahogany-stained book shelves, the seeker of knowledge reaps the rewards of dilligence.

CAROLYN THOMAS
"Who casts to write a living line must sweat."



CORNELIUS CRAWFORD
"It's in the Book"



DOROTHY ROBINSON, HATTIE KIRK and FLORIDA SPEIGHTS
In the periodical section

"What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the soul.

FRANCES DAVIS, JAMES McLEAN and CLEOPHUS JOHNSON
"You write two hundred lines twixt each sunrise."

"Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom . . ."

—*Proverbs 4:7*

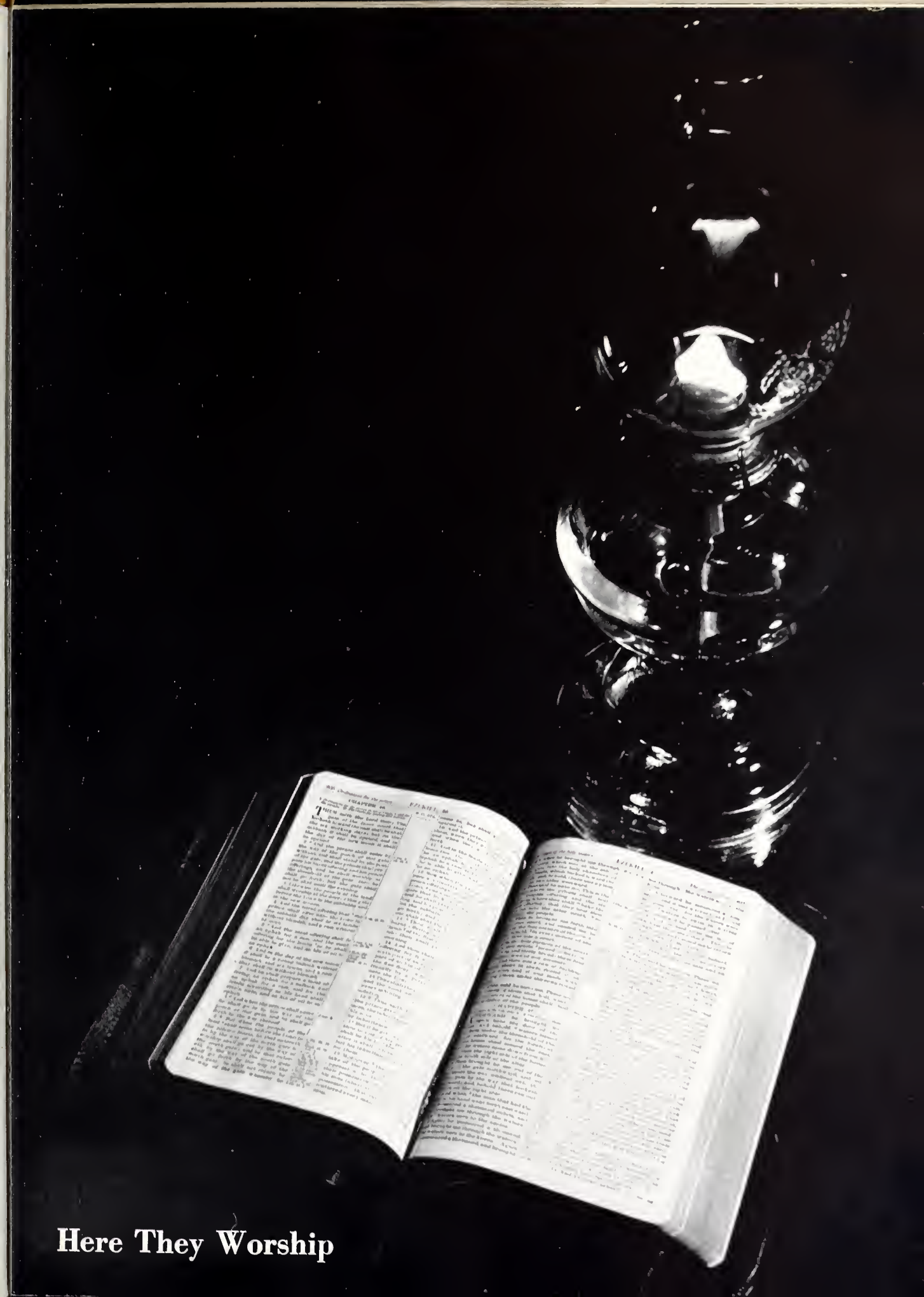
LAB PERIOD WITH PROFESSOR REYNOLDS
"Can you see it?"

They Seek God

"I waited patiently for the Lord . . ."

In this chaotic era, with its delimas and disasters, the confused student seeks a panacea. His mind, his heart, and his prayer are directed to the Almighty.

To God he goes in simple faith, at morn, at noon, at night. Though he may be surrounded with darkness, difficulties, discouragement and doubt, his soul spans the distance between the terrestial and celestial and finds his God.



Here They Worship

A Week of Prayer

In compassionate, sincere, and commanding tones a dynamic voice could be heard ringing down through centuries — "Come unto me" — and the students of Oakwood heard that voice of the master, and came for pardon from sin and power to overcome that they might live the victorious life.

The religious emphasis week was one of heart-searching, of fasting and prayer. When the united prayers of the Oakwood circle went up like a mighty battering-ram against the gates of heaven, the gates opened and from the One Divine poured forth unmeasured blessings and victories to struggling mortals.

In earnestness the students seek counsel; they desire to know how to find salvation. To the earnest seeker God has promised "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

ELDER R. W. NELSON
Pastor of Oakland California Church

Religious Emphasis Week

Elder Nelson counsels two students

The College Church at Worship

"Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious."
—*Psalm 66:2*

The praise of God should continually ascend from the children of men on the wings of song, through the voice of prayer, by a word of faith and trust. He is the great Creator, the Alpha and Omega: in Him the student finds sustainance of body, development of mind, and perfection of spirit.

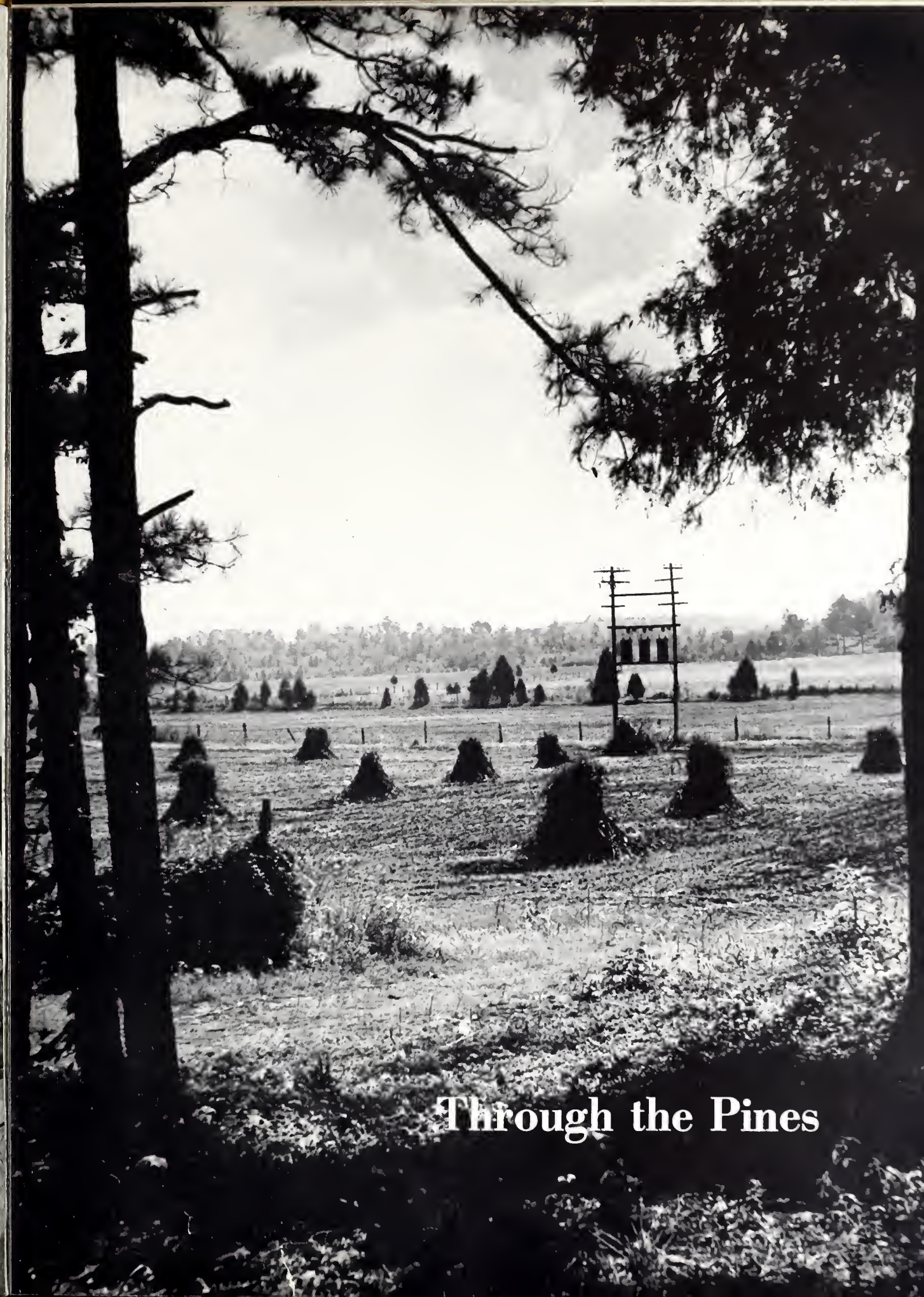
The College Women at Devotions
"O come let us worship."

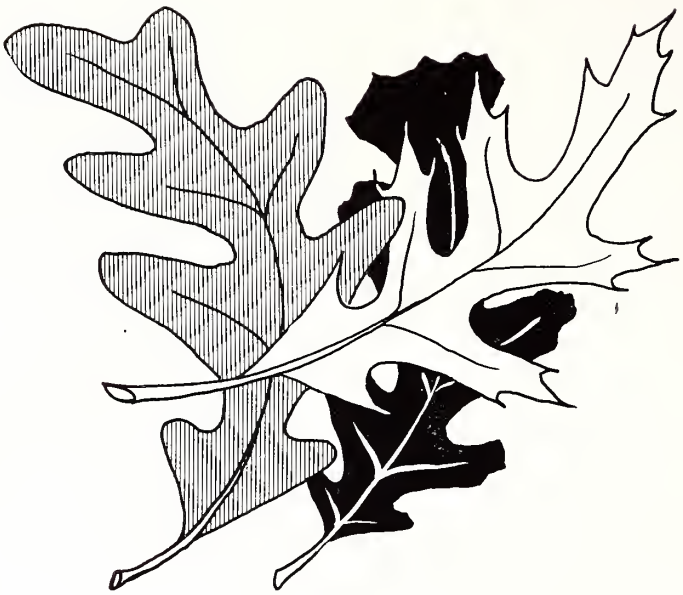
The Messiah Is Sung

The historic Messiah, which begins with the candlelight procession, Adeste Fidelis, and concludes with the majestic Hallelujah Chorus, is rendered annually by the Oratorio Society under the direction of Mr. Samuel C. Jackson, head of the Music Department.

The Foreign Missions Band

A religious organization to promote student interest in missionary endeavors on foreign shores, and stimulate as interest to go and carry the light of the Gospel . . . thus the Foreign Missions band was organized.


Through the Pines



Here They Relax

For relaxation of body and mind, for rejuvination of spirit, for cultivation of appreciation for the best in music and art, for participation and social education a refreshing round of cultural, social and physical activities is planned. The activity program is calculated to meet every need of the individual student.

The gamut of campus activities include lyceum and lecture course numbers, musicals, programs and activities planned by clubs and organizations; other mirthful diversions such as bonfires, hikes, skating, marching and games are gleefully hailed by the student.

At Leisure

The Other Side of The Mountain

The refreshing flow of crisp autumn air, and wholesome association is a continual delight to the vivacious student who blends himself with social activity scheme of Oakwood.

The Annual Bonfire

Spreading Oak Campaign Leaders

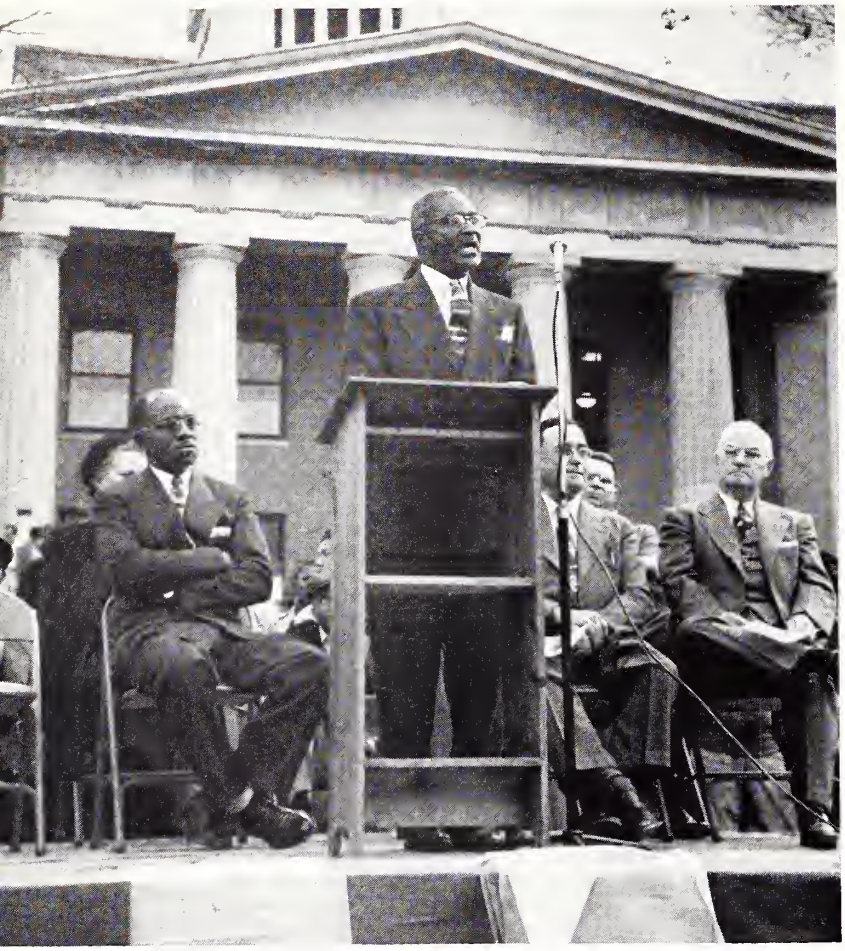
In Recital

The Spreading Oak Campaign was gleefully fought out by King Frank and his daughters and Queen Isabella and her sons. Pep talks, cheers, and songs made the campaign live.

Leola Lewis, Mary Gillard, and Ann Brown were featured in concert by a working unit of the College Women's Club for the benefit of the physical education building fund.

Annual Student-Faculty Reception

Autographs After the Concert



President Peterson Addresses Crowd at Huntsville Courthouse

Oakwood Parades in Huntsville

November 18, a memorable day, when fifteen floats, three bands, automobile units, and cadet formation representing Oakwood College paraded through the center of Huntsville in an all-out effort to announce the physical education building program to Huntsville citizens. Two of the prominent Huntsville businessmen made a total contribution of $1,000 that day.

Roy Stone, County Commission, Speaks

The parade ended at the Courthouse and hundreds gathered at the city square to hear the speeches of Huntsville officials and businessmen, and music from the Choirs and Male Chorus from the College.

Department of Religion Float

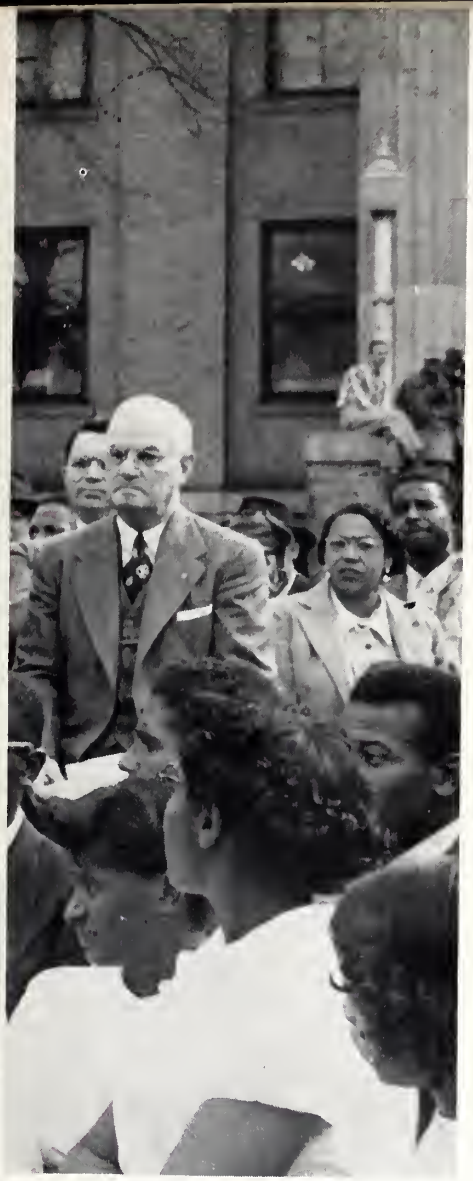
West Huntsville High School Band

Cheer Leaders Float with Gym Model

Court House Scene of Speeches and Music
F. W. Hale, Director of Public Relations, conducts the ceremony

"Joe" Verdun and Wilma Jackson, Oakwood's King and Queen

The College Choir Singi

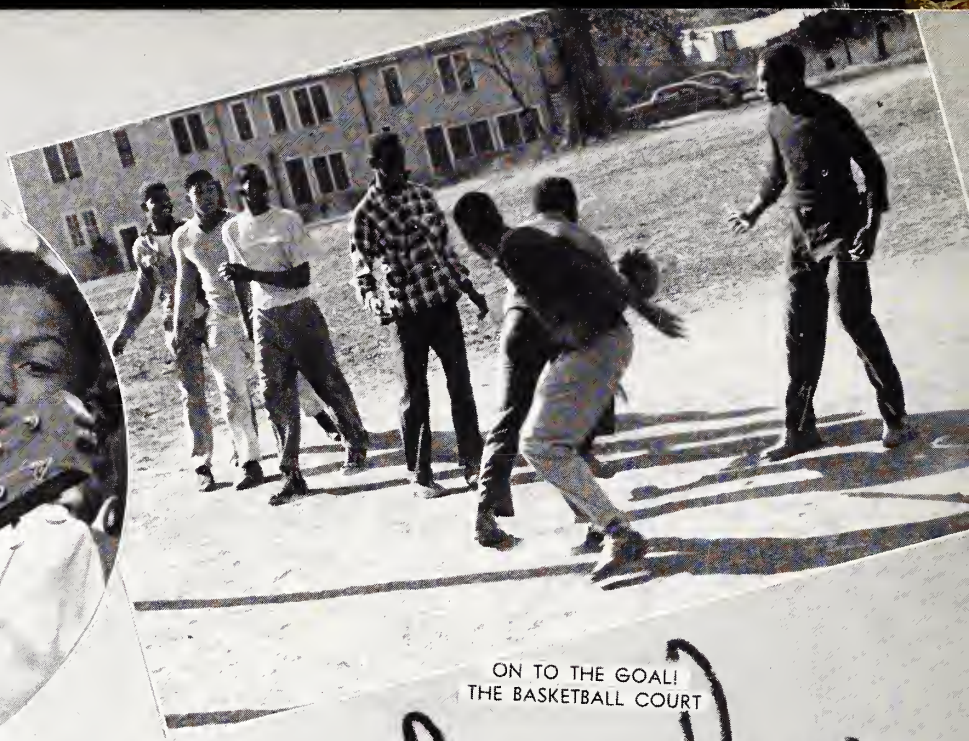


Cadet Corps on Parade

Skater's Float

at the city square on parade day

"ON HIS GUITAR HE PLAYED A TUNE DEAR."
ROLAND GERSHON PICKS THE STRINGS



ON TO THE GOAL!
THE BASKETBALL COURT

Just for fun

THE FAVORITE DIVERSION—SKATING
DORIS HUNTER, KENNETH SMITH, ESTHER CARTWRIGHT

AT THE TACKY PARTY
GUS PEAY

PAPER BOY!
SYLVANNUS MERCHANT

COME ON FELLOWS DON'T READ MY MAIL!
IRA HARRELL, THE UNFORTUNATE

On the spot...

TAKING IT EASY
"TERP" YOUNG ON THE STRETCH

DORIS MICKLE
READING HER "MALE"

Clubs and

The clubs and organizations play a vigorous role among the campus activities. These organizations vary in type and purpose to meet the interests and social needs of the student, develop leadership

"Twenty Men of Distinction"

OFFICERS

W. E. CONWAY .....*President*
J. H. MELANCON .....*Vice-President*
CHARLES WOODS .....*Secretary-Treasurer*
G. R. PARTRIDGE .....*Sponsor*
A. WARREN .....*Associate Sponsor*

Kappa Mu Delta

Gamma Sigma Kappa

"Culture, Wisdom and Service"

OFFICERS

VIVIAN ALLEN .....*President*
LUVENIA ERCUS .....*Vice-President*
LONA-NELL LEA .....*Secretary*
VIVIANNE WATSON .....*Treasurer*
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LEOLA LEWIS .....*Chaplain*
EVA B. DYKES .....*Sponsor*

Organizations

abilities and individual personalities, and provide for animated, elevating activities.

The Clubs . . . Here They Are . . . Cultural, Education, Social, and Musical.

"Limitation does not exist"

OFFICERS

MERVYN WARREN ..... *President*
TED T. JONES ..... *Vice-President*
JIMMIE BROWN ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*
ALLEN BREACH ..... *Chaplain*
C. T. RICHARDS ..... *Sponsor*

The Adelphoi

American Temperance Society

"Total abstainance"

OFFICERS

JAMES HAMMOND ..... *President*
MERVYN WARREN ..... *Vice-President*
LONA-NELL LEA ..... *Corresponding Secretary*
EVA B. DYKES ..... *Sponsor*

"A word fitly spoken"

OFFICERS

HERMON VANDERBERG ..... *President*
MARION PASARD ..... *Vice-President*
VIVIANNE WATSON ..... *Secretary*
JUANITA WATSON ..... *Treasurer*
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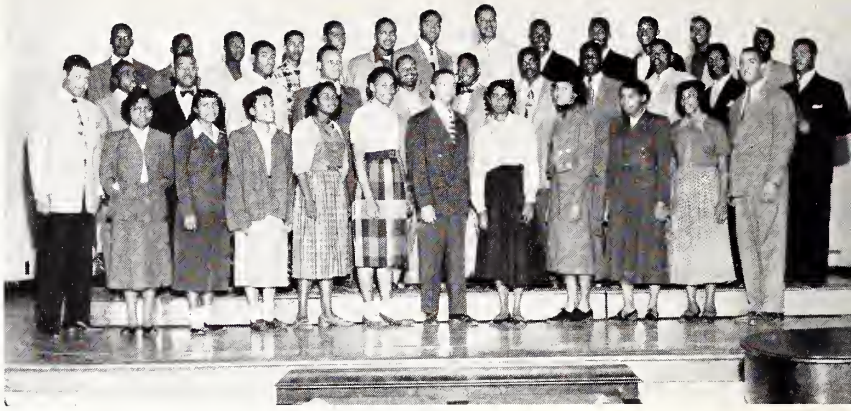
F. W. HALE ..... *Sponsor*



Alpha Sigma Rho, Speech Club

Oakwood's All-Girl Chorus

"Harmonious, melodic expression"

OFFICERS

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ANN LINDSAY ..... *Secretary*
EVA B. DYKES ..... *Director*
RUTH E. MOSBY ..... *Manager*

Literature Ministry Guild

"Go ye therefore"

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RALPH FRANKLIN ..... *Vice-President*
FRANCES LAWTON ..... *Secretary*
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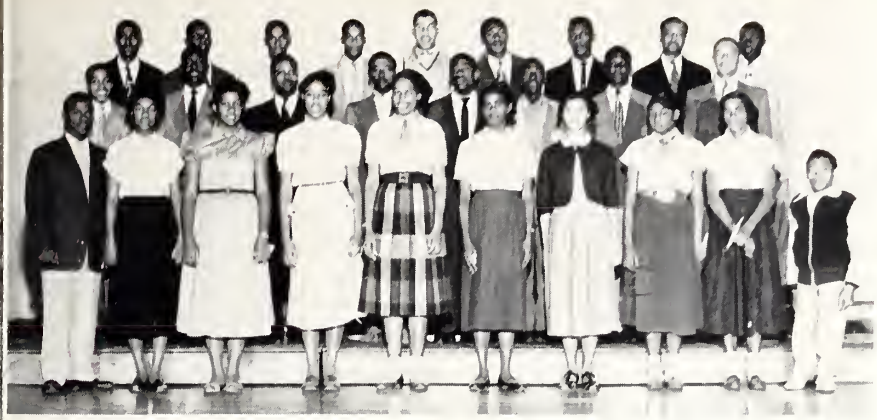

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O. B. EDWARDS ..... *Sponsor*

International Relations Club

Future Teachers of America

OFFICERS

SIMON JOHNSON ..... *President*
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HERCULES LOUDE ..... *Secretary*
MRS. J. WISE ..... *Treasurer*
IDABETH MAUPIN ..... *Librarian*
N. E. BURRELL ..... *Sponsor*

Future Business Leaders of America

OFFICERS

THELMA DEAN ..... *President*
BRUCE MANUEL ..... *Vice-President*
ESTHER GILL ..... *Secretary*
SYLVIA CARTER ..... *Assistant Secretary*
LONA-NELL LEA ..... *Treasurer*
CORNELIUS CRAWFORD ..... *Assistant Treasurer*
JAMES VINES ..... *Sergeant-at-Arms*
DORRANCE HENDERSON ..... *Chaplain*
BEATRICE STREET ..... *Publicity Director*
LEOLA LEWIS ..... *Chairman of Social Activities*

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Zodiacs

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WILLIAM WEEKS ..... *Chaplain*
R. L. REYNOLDS ..... *Sponsor*

Master Guides

"Track and trail in the open air"

ERNEST RUDLEY ..... *Leader*

Excelsior Society

"Show thyself a man"

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HERBERT DOGGETTE ..... *Secretary*
CHARLES WOODS ..... *Treasurer*
WILLIAM WEEKS ..... *Parliamentarian*
BENNIE REAVES ..... *Chaplain*
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The United Student Movement

JOSEPH HINSON
President of the United Student Movement

Under sincere, calm, and resourceful leadership, the United Student Movement sounds the resonant and enriching voice of the student. United for high ideals and principles, the students are denoting their time and energies, for cultural, social, moral, and spiritual fitness.

The United Student Movement represents the government of the student, for the student, and by the student. It is the one organization through which all work for the progress and development of the student and the institution.

Executive Committee of the United Student Movement

(Left to right) Ernest Rudley, Ted Jones, Hermon Vanderberg, Eunice Jones, secretary; Joe Verdun, treasurer; Joe Hinson, David VanPutten, parliamentarian; Herbert Doggette, Delores Eason, Jackson Doggette, first vice-president; Ruth E. Mosby, sponsor; and James Melancon.

IN THE PRESSING ROOM

Velma Watkins, Lois Moore, and Theo Jefferson (left to right)

CUNNINGHAM HALL COLLEGE WOMEN'S HOME

Here they make themselves at home, enjoy friendships and pleasant association, cook a snack, work and study together.

MY FRIEND, CATHERINE

(Left to right) Juanita Watson and Catherine Robinson study together.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

(Left to right) Virginia Hixon, Leola Lewis, and Rhina Miller in the dormitory kitchenette.

IT'S TIME FOR CLASS

On the walk

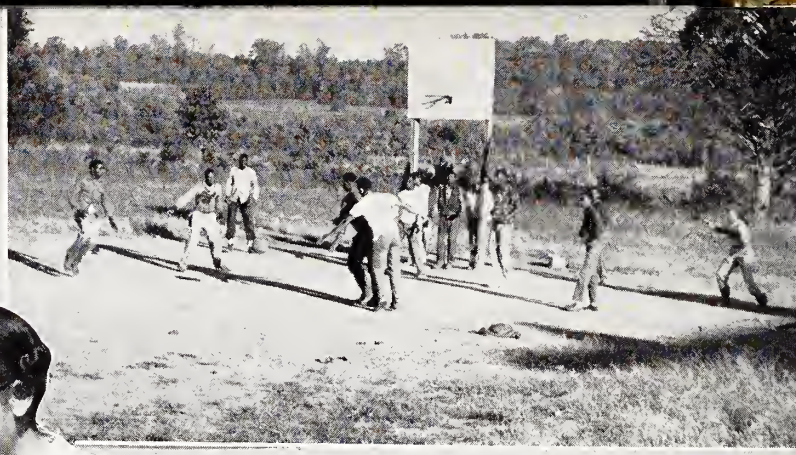
THERE'S NO HURRY

I'LL WAIT FOR YOU

COME ON, GIRLS!

CAMARA CAUGHT ON THE WALK FROM FACULTY MEETING

YOU SEE, IT'S LIKE THIS!



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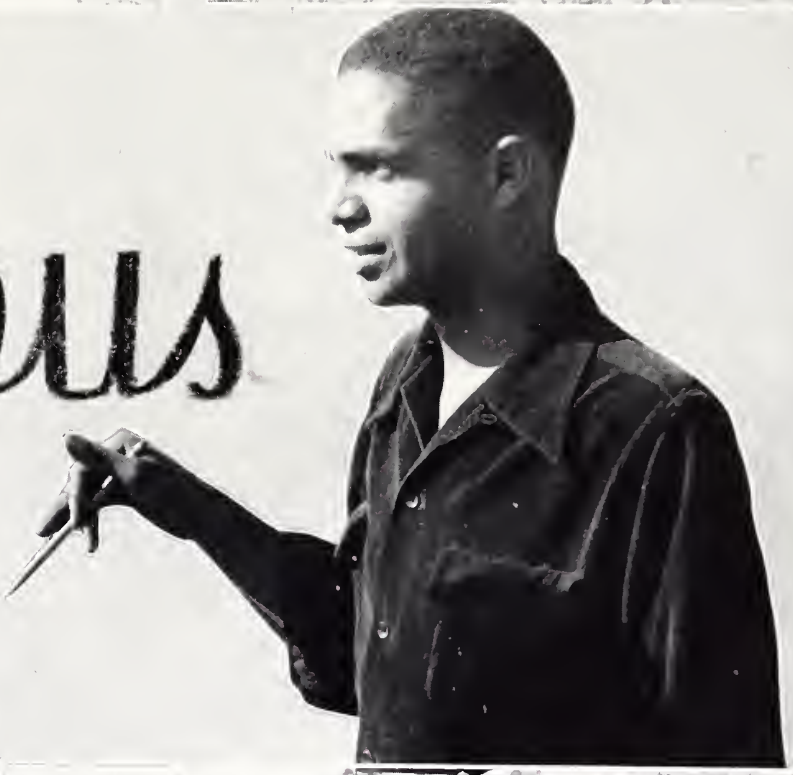


Here They Labor

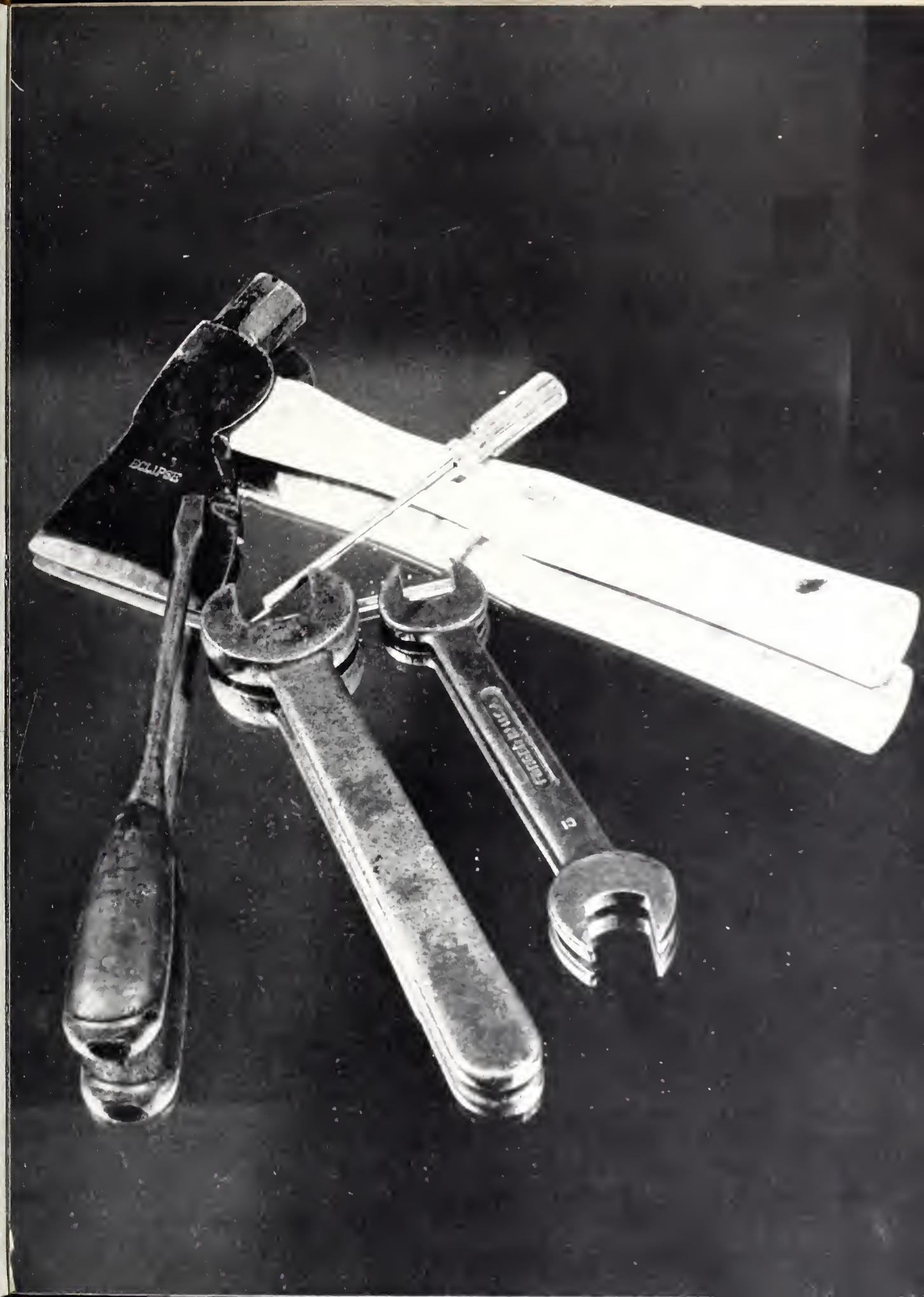
"Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness."

—Carlyle

Success in any endeavor is proportionate to the work done, man's fortunes are indeed according to his pains. As a part of a Christian education the student is to learn industry and thrift.

As a relaxation from study, exercise of the body, and a means financial gain the student finds employment in industrial units and departments about the campus.

Here he spends several hours developing skill in labor; here he earns dollars and "sense" as he obtains his education.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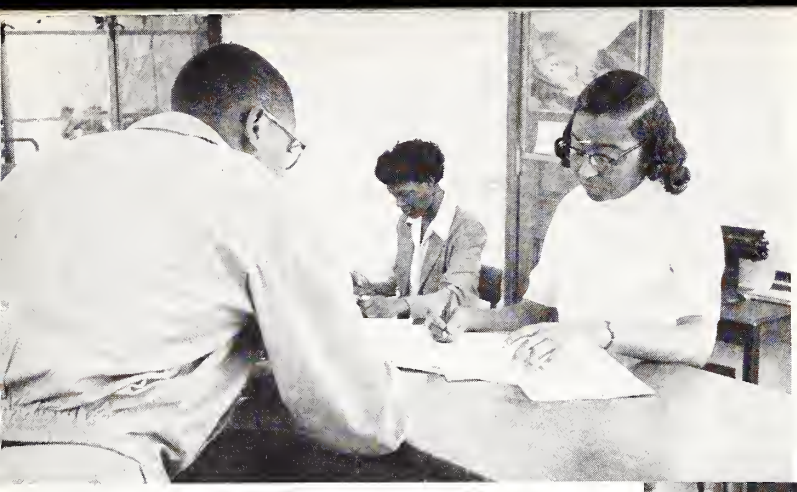

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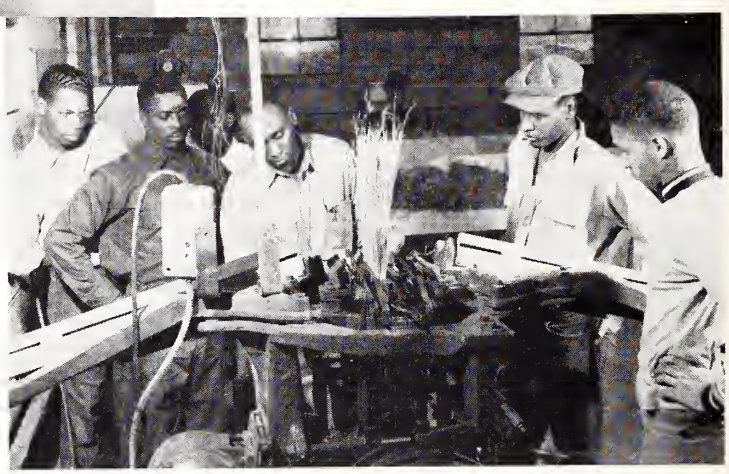
Eleanor Thompson and Juanita Jackson at work.

YOU DO IT THIS WAY
Ralph Davis directing the broom making.



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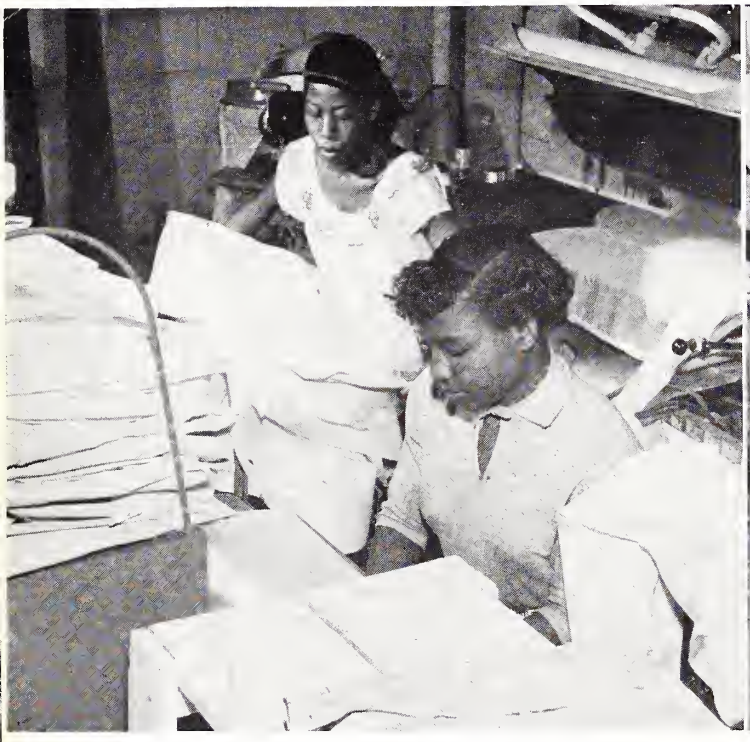
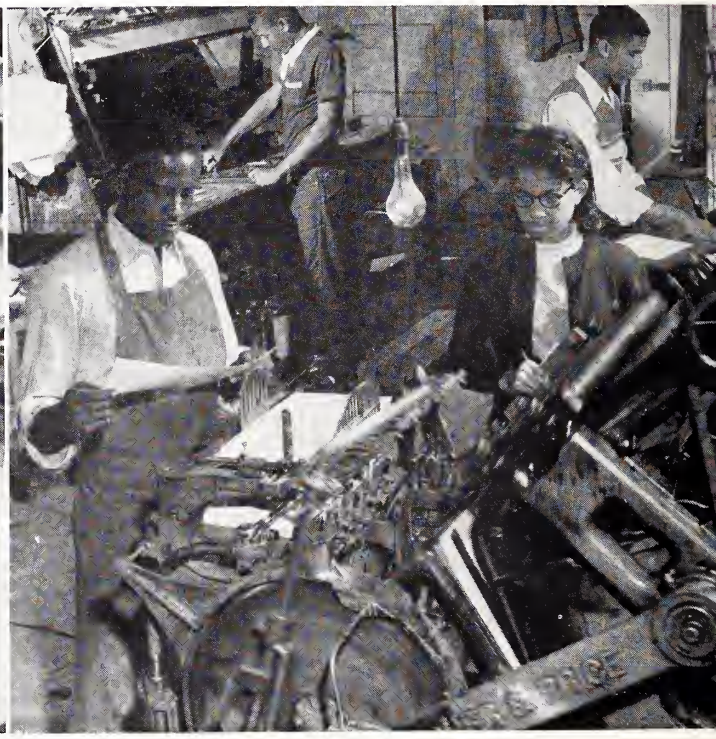
Louise Turner and Mary Gillard
"Spic and Span"



THE PRINT SHOP
"Jimmy" Melancon, Al Lang, and VonPhul, at work
—Emma Breach, secretary observes.

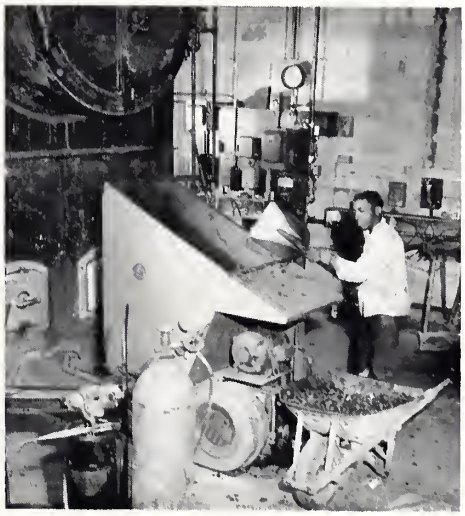


THE BARBER SHOP
Vernell Simmons waits his turn, while Jesse Reeves gives Alleyne the works.

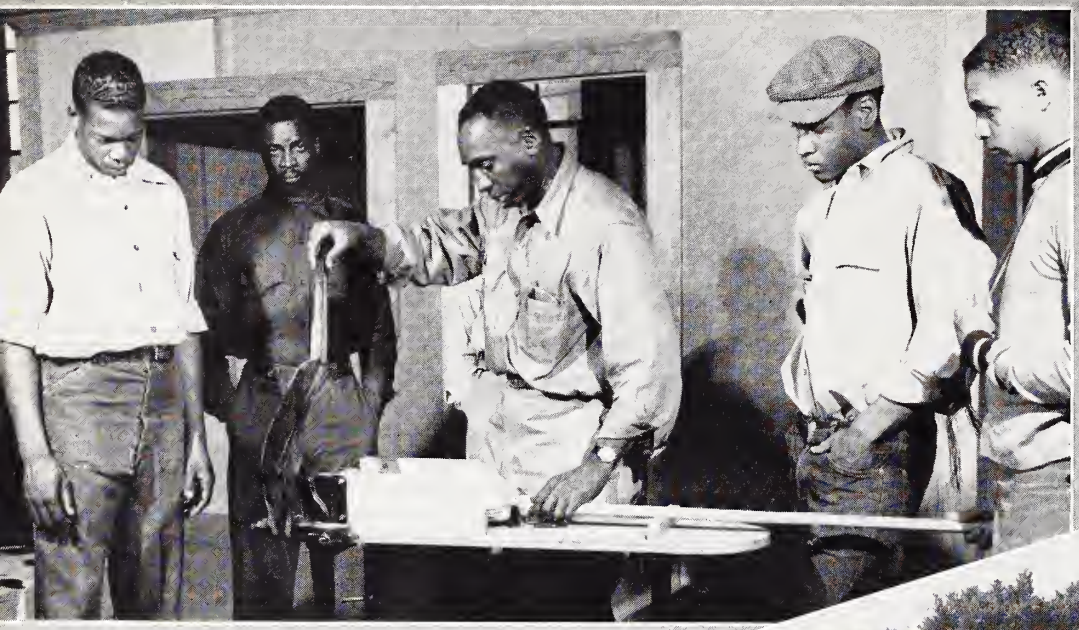
THE DAIRY
Bill Miller gets the last drop.

Diligent in Their Business

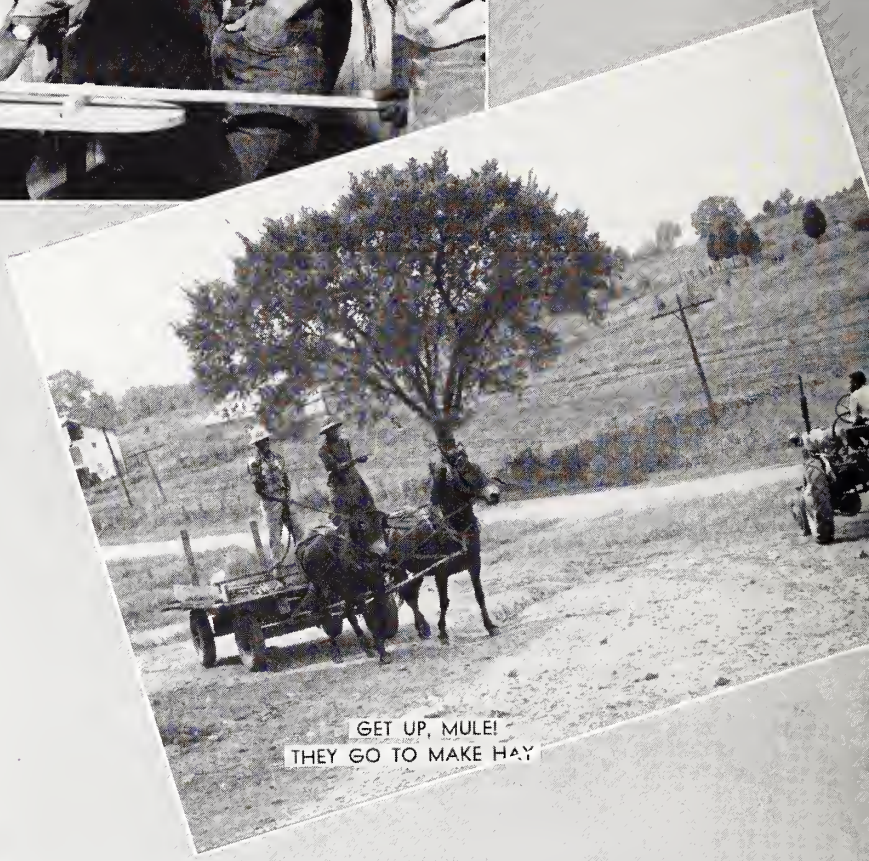
John Harris fills the stoker.



Cornelius Crawford cleans up.



FINISHING THE BROOM



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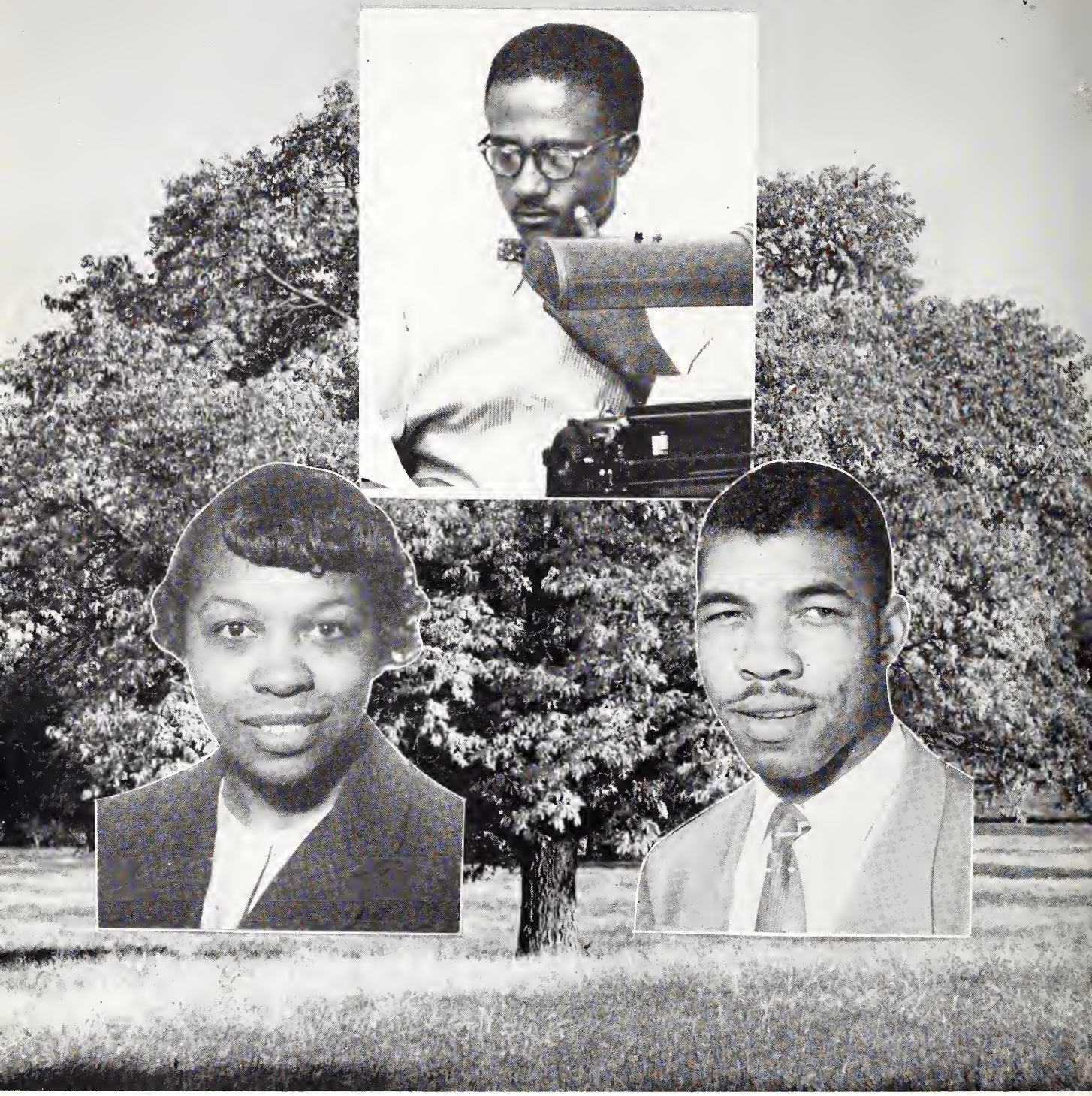

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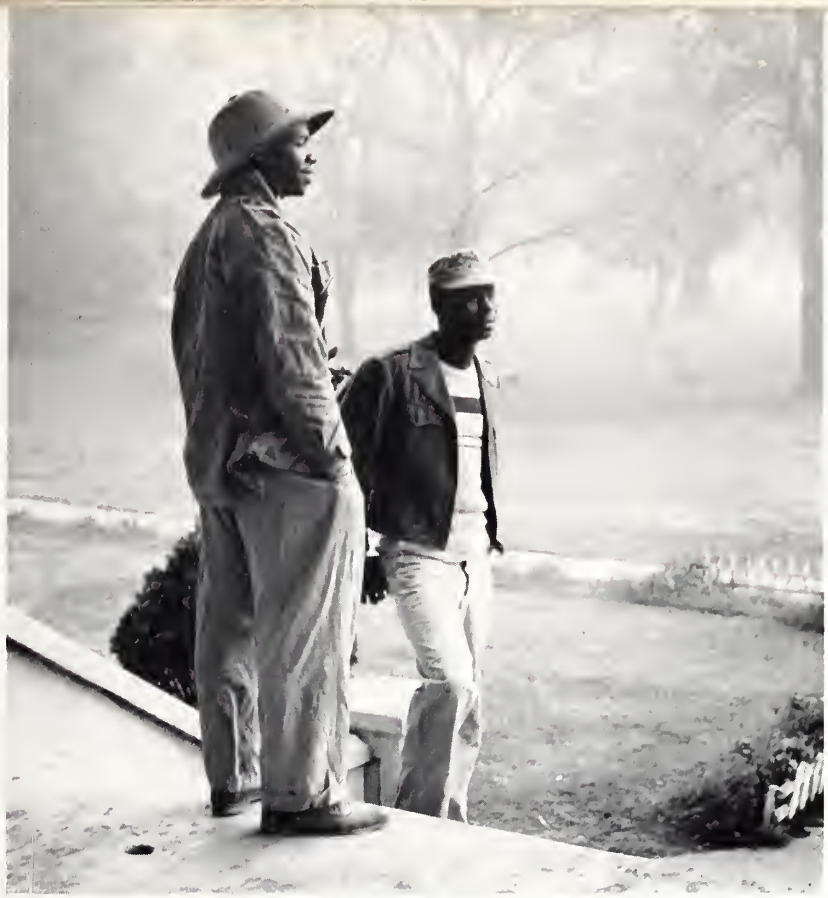

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"I'VE DONE MY WORK"
HARCHORD RAHMING and RONALD BETHEL

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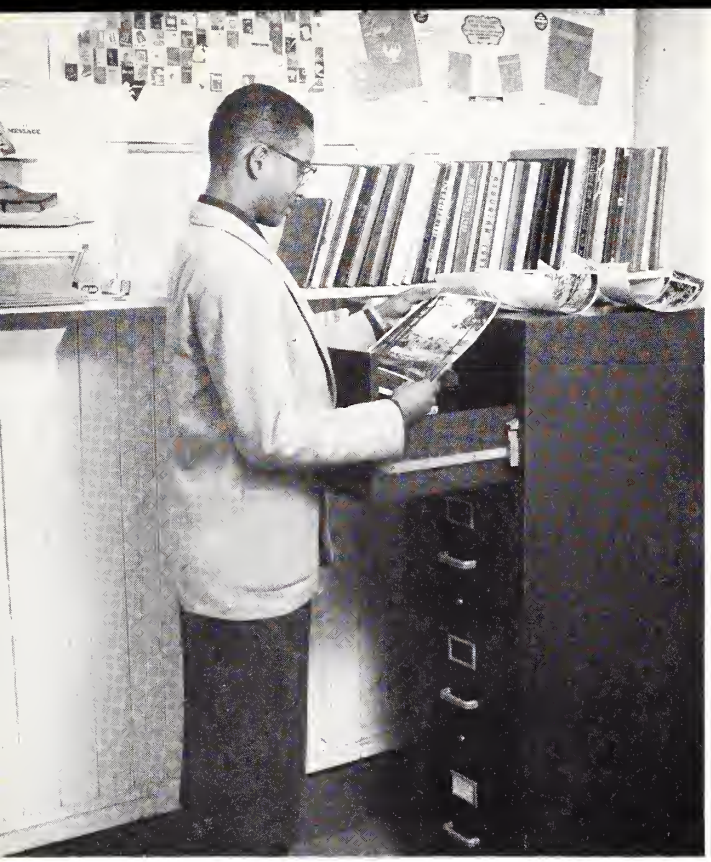

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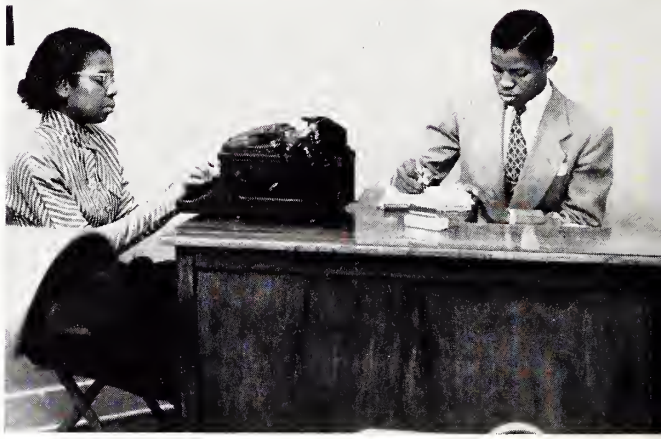

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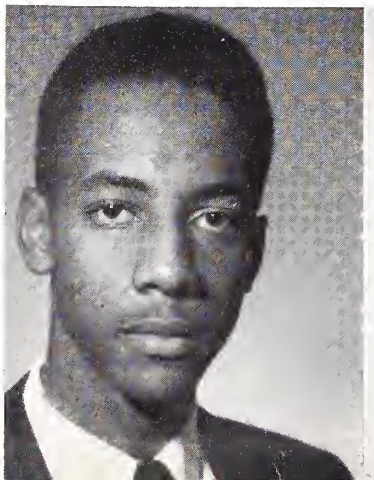

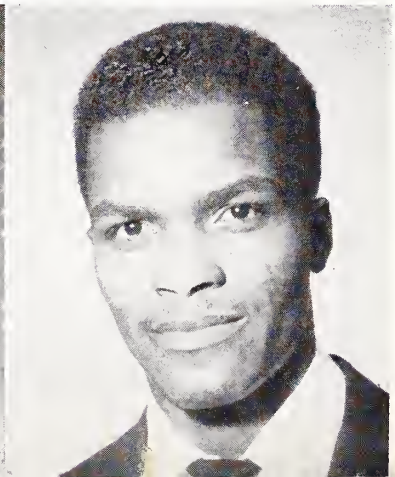

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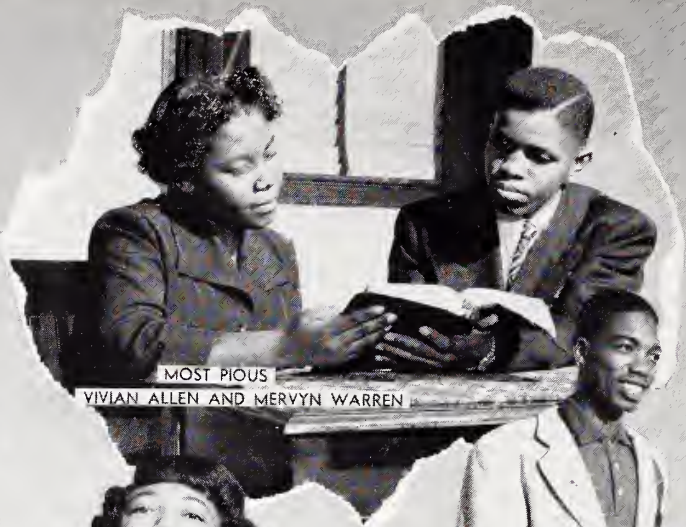

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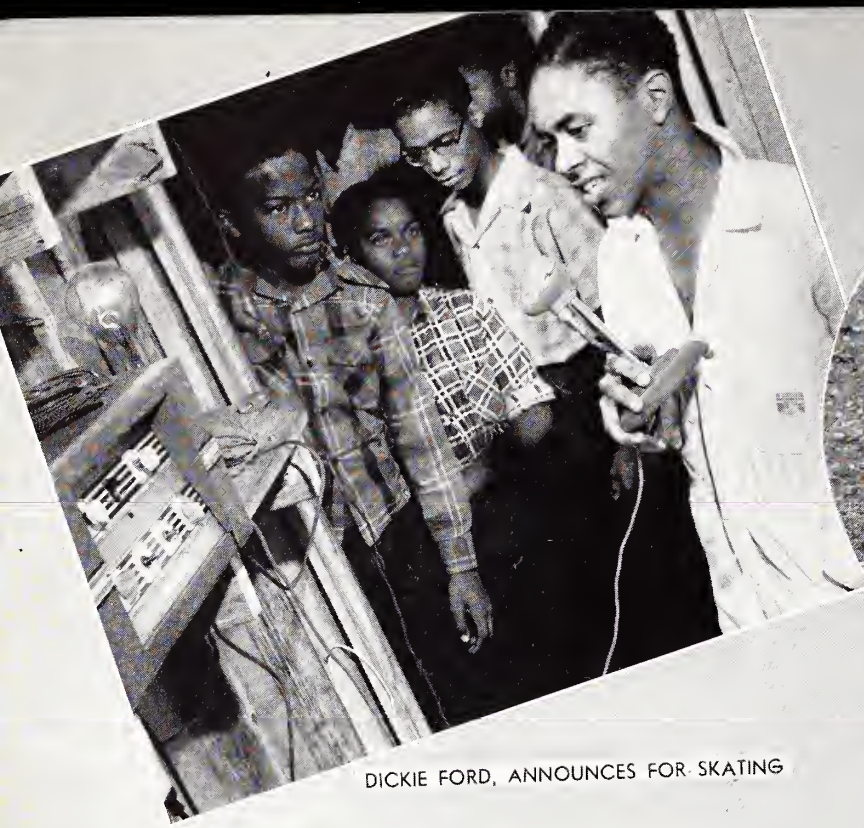

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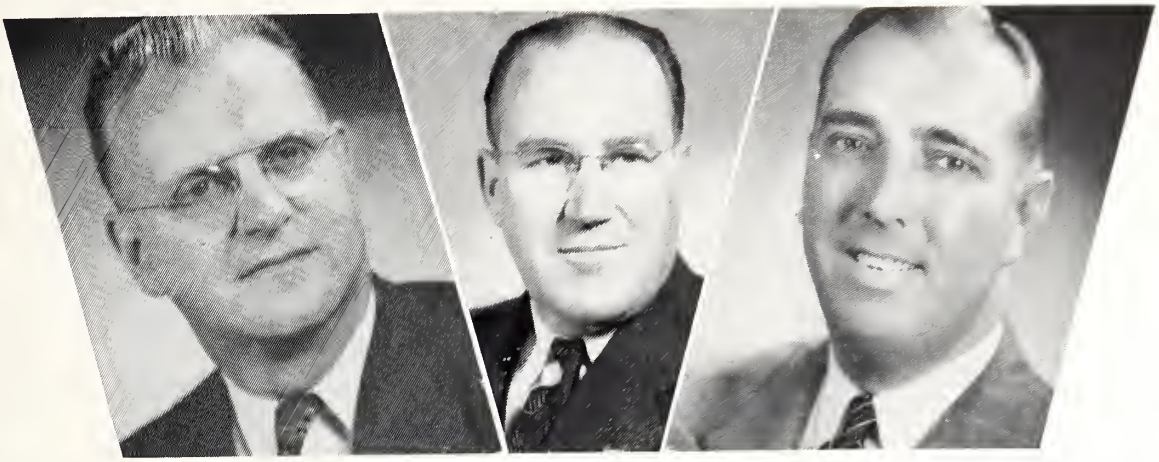

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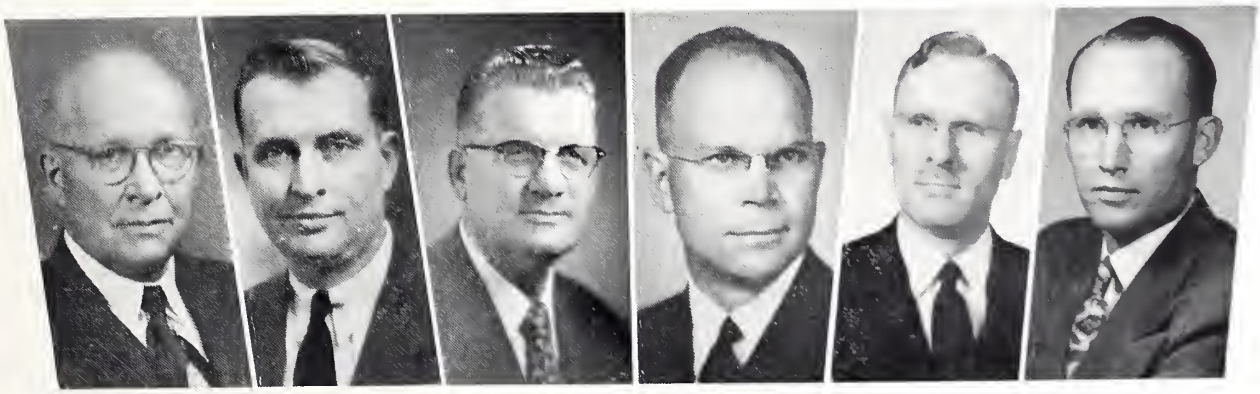

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